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Secretary Michael Heffernan
Executive Office for Administration and Finance
State House, Room 373
Boston, MA 02133

Secretary Stephanie Pollack
Massachusetts Department of Transportation
10 Park Plaza, Room 3170
Boston, MA 02116

RE: March 2019 Certification of MBTA Base Sales Tax Revenues for FY2020

Dear Secretary Heffernan and Secretary Pollack:

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 10, Section 35T, this letter certifies for FY2020 the MBTA Base Sales Tax Revenue amount. The details of the calculation are shown on the accompanying attachment.

The base revenue amount for FY2020 is calculated by comparing the percent change in the calendar year 2018 consumer price index for all urban consumers for the Boston metropolitan area as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor to the percent increase in gross sales tax revenues received pursuant to MGL Chapters 64H and 64I for the same period. The calendar year 2018 "gross sales tax revenues" is defined as sales tax receipts by taxpayers from nonexempt sales, less amounts abated, refunded, or reimbursed. The attachment presents the calculation of the base revenue amount. The percentage increase in the base sales tax revenue is the lower of the percent increase in gross sales tax revenues or the inflation rate, provided the increase shall not exceed 3.00%.

I certify to you that the base revenue amount for FY2020 increased by \$30,962,027, or 3%, compared to the FY2019 figure of \$1,032,067,551. **The base revenue amount for FY2020 is \$1,063,029,578.**

Should you have any questions on the calculation of this amount, please feel free to call me or Howard Merkowitz, Deputy Comptroller.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew W. Maylor
Comptroller of the Commonwealth

Cc: Senator Michael Rodriques, Chair, Senate Ways and Means
Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Chair, House Ways and Means
Deborah B. Goldberg, Treasurer and Receiver General
Christopher Harding, Commissioner of Revenue
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