

July 13, 2006

Federal Highway Administration  
Massachusetts Division  
Attn: Mr. Carl L. Gottschall  
55 Broadway, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Cambridge, MA 02142

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Gottschall:

I am making this request under the Freedom Of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Please provide copies of:

1. FHWA construction reports for I 93 from C09-C19 since January 1, 2000.
2. An index or list of all inspection reports, quality control reports, and quality assurance plans since 1990.
3. All inspection reports, quality control reports, and quality assurance plans signed by, approved by, or under the authority of Mr. Alex Almeida, Ms. Michelle Daigle, Mr. John McVann since 2000.
4. An index or list of all site visits to Central Artery/Tunnel Project locations since January 1, 2000.
5. All communications, e-mails, memoranda, or other correspondence received by any employee in the Massachusetts Division from Mr. J. Richard Capka since May 31, 2006.

I request a waiver of all costs associated with fulfilling this submission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). Disclosure of the requested records will further the "public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest" of POGO. Specifically, POGO intends to use the requested records to highlight the federal government's involvement and oversight of the Big Dig. POGO believes that the requested materials will contribute to public understanding of the operations or activities of the Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Interstate

Highway System. The Central Artery/Tunnel Project (CA/T) is the most costly public highway project in U.S. history. Release of the requested materials will allow POGO to update the public about FHWA oversight of the CA/ T and learn from its successes and failures.

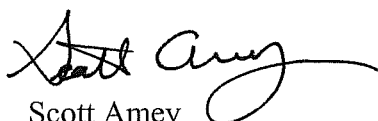
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If this request is denied in full or in part, please cite the exemptions pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b) that justify the denial. If an exemption applies, however, please consider exercising the agency's discretionary release powers to disclose the records. Additionally, please release all reasonably segregable portions of the records that do not meet an exemption.

I look forward to your response within 20 days of the receipt of this request, unless, in the case of "unusual circumstances," the time limitation is "extended by written notice." I am aware that I have a right to appeal if this request is wholly or partially denied or if the agency fails to respond within 20 days, and that, if successful, a federal district court may assess "reasonable attorney fees and other litigation costs." 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(E).

Please contact me if this request requires further clarification. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Amey", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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