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June 20, 2016

David Rosenblatt, Director
Department of Environmental Protection
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Dear Mr. Rosenblatt:

Please find enclosed a signed copy of your letter from April 19, 2016. NJ TRANSIT consents to NJDEP serving as the lead agency for the environmental review under NEPA of the Rebuild by Design – Meadowlands project and will cooperate with the environmental review process.

NJ TRANSIT continues to support NJDEP as the Rebuild by Design – Meadowlands project progresses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven H. Santoro'.

Steven H. Santoro
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Enclosure

cc: **E. Daleo**
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Re: Lead Agency Designation for Environmental Review and Invitation to be a Cooperating Agency in the Environmental Review Process for the Rebuild by Design Meadowlands Flood Protection Project in Bergen County, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Santoro:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) is conducting an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of the Rebuild by Design (RBD) Meadowlands Flood Protection Project on behalf of the State of New Jersey as the recipient of Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under 42 U.S.C. 5304(g) and 79 Federal Register 62,182 (October 16, 2014). In accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, as Responsible Entity has designated NJDEP to be the Lead Agency for the environmental review process and preparation of the EIS. With this letter, the NJDEP also requests that NJ Transit participates in the EIS review as a cooperating agency.

The RBD Meadowlands Flood Protection Project (the Project) would provide increased flood protection through construction of an integrated flood protection system and flood-reducing resiliency measures within the Boroughs of Little Ferry, Moonachie, Carlstadt, and Teterboro, and the Township of South Hackensack, Bergen County, New Jersey (Project Area). Such measures would be designed to address the impacts of coastal and riverine (fluvial) flooding on the quality of the human environment due to both sea level rise and storm hazards, including heavy rainfall events and intense coastal storm events. The approximate Project Area boundaries are: Hackensack River to the east; Paterson Plank Road and the southern boundary of Carlstadt to the south; State Route 17 to the west; and Interstate 80 and the northern boundary of the Borough of Little Ferry to the north.

cc:

Eric Daleo, Senior Director, NJ TRANSIT Resilience Program, NJ Transit

Jared Pilosio, Manager, NJ TRANSIT Resilience Program, NJ Transit

This undersigned cooperating agency hereby consents to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection serving as lead agency for the RBD Meadowlands project described above.

New Jersey Transit

By: 

Date: 6/22/16

Name: STEVEN H. SANTORO

Title: AED