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Secretary Matthew Gorzkowicz
Executive Office for Administration and Finance
State House, Room 373
Boston, MA 02133

Secretary Gina Fiandaca
Massachusetts Department of Transportation
10 Park Plaza, Room 3170
Boston, MA 02116

RE: March 2023 Certification of MBTA Dedicated Sales Tax Revenues for Fiscal Year 2024

Dear Secretary Gorzkowicz and Secretary Fiandaca:

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 10, § 35T, this letter certifies for Fiscal Year 2024 the MBTA Dedicated Sales Tax Revenue. This certification was done in consultation with the Department of Revenue. The details of the two calculations are shown on the accompanying attachment.

Dedicated Sales Tax Revenues (projected): The projected dedicated sales tax revenue is the amount of “monies received by the Commonwealth equal to 1 per cent of the gross receipts of a sale as defined in chapter 64H and 1 per cent of the sales price of a purchase as defined by chapter 64I from that portion of the taxes imposed under said chapters 64H and 64I as excises upon the sale and use at retail of tangible property or services, and upon the storage, use or other consumption of tangible property or of services, including interest thereon or penalties plus commencing in fiscal year 2015, the amount of \$160,000,000 in each fiscal year thereafter but not including any portion of the taxes imposed on the sale of meals as defined in paragraph (h) of section 6 of said chapter 64H.” Based on the most recent Fiscal Year 2024 consensus revenue estimate of \$41.410 billion, the dedicated sales tax revenue amount for Fiscal Year 2024 is projected to be \$1.463 billion, as calculated in the attachment.

Pursuant to the July 1, 2000 Memorandum of Understanding between the MBTA and state agencies including the Office of the Comptroller and M.G.L. c. 10, § 35T(b), the MBTA is to receive the greater of the dedicated sales tax or the base revenue amount. Based on the attached calculations, the Fiscal Year 2024 dedicated sales tax revenue is projected to exceed the base revenue amount in this certification by \$301,145,411.

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If you have any questions on the calculation of these amounts, please feel free to contact Chief Financial Reporting Officer Pauline Lieu at Pauline.Lieu@mass.gov or (617) 973-2668 or me at William.McNamara@mass.gov or (617) 973-2315.

Sincerely yours,

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Comptroller of the Commonwealth

Attachment: Calculation of Fiscal Year 2024 Projected Dedicated Sales Tax Revenue

Cc: Senator Michael Rodrigues, Chair, Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Chair, House Ways and Means, Committee
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Fiscal Year 2024 MBTA Calculation - Dedicated Sales Tax Revenue:

Calculation - Dedicated Sales Tax Revenue:

Projected sales and use tax collections, exclusive of meals tax.....	\$ 8,146,722,031
Percentage due to the MBTA*.....	<u>16.000%</u>
16.000% of FY2024 sales and use tax collections, exclusive of meals tax.....	1,303,475,525
Plus \$160 million per M.G.L. Chapter 10, Section 35T.....	<u>160,000,000</u>
FY2024 projected dedicated sales tax revenue.....	1,463,475,525
FY2024 base revenue as certified on March 1, 2023.....	<u>1,162,330,114</u>
Difference, FY2024 dedicated minus base revenue.....	<u><u>\$ 301,145,411</u></u>

* The sales tax rate is currently 6.25% for both regular sales and motor vehicles. Based on this tax rate, the MBTA dedicated percentage is 16.00% (1 cent of the 6.25 cents per dollar).