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Timothy R. Carroll
Executive Secretary
Town of Chilmark
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Dear Mr. Carroll,

This letter is being sent as a follow up to the March 17, 2017 meeting between MassDOT and the Martha's Vineyard municipalities regarding maintenance of MassDOT roadways.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss, at a preliminary level, the possibility of partnering with these municipalities to transfer the agency's routine maintenance responsibilities on state roads to the municipalities. This informal discussion was intended to gauge interest and solicit initial feedback only. MassDOT made it clear at the meeting that a partnership of this nature would include financial compensation to the involved towns, to be discussed at a later date if interest was conveyed by the municipality.

Currently, MassDOT has been contacted by two of the six municipalities providing notification of their position regarding the proposal. As such, MassDOT will be exploring other opportunities to provide maintenance oversight on the island. MassDOT will be seeking to hire two maintenance personnel to re-establish a full-time presence on the island.

Thank you for taking the time to consider MassDOT's proposal. If you have any question or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the District.

Sincerely,

Mary-Joe Perry
District Highway Director

Cc: Honorable Julian Cyr, State Senator
Honorable Dylan Fernandes, State Representative
Warren M. Doty, Board of Selectmen, Chairman
Leonard Walsh, MassDOT Chief of Operations and Maintenance
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