November 2, 2017

Mr. Peter Alviti  
Director  
Rhode Island Department of Transportation  
Two Capitol Hill  
Providence, RI 02903

RE: RIDOT’s FY2018 INFRA Grant Application  
Providence Viaduct Northbound Project

Dear Director Alviti:

The Providence Foundation enthusiastically supports your agency’s FY2018 INFRA Grant Application to design and construct an important highway improvement at the crucial I-95 Providence Viaduct Northbound. With the help of $60 million in INFRA funding, this potential $264 million project will improve transportation access by alleviating congestion coming in and out of Downtown Providence, particularly around exits 22 and 23. As the state’s busiest commercial corridor, proper infrastructure funding is needed to ensure that traffic continues to flow safely and efficiently through the area.

We understand that your plans also include land use improvements below the viaduct, and we look forward to working with you to develop innovative designs that benefit pedestrians and cyclists in addition to improving vehicular traffic.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Cliff Wood  
Executive Director