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Carlos C. Machado  
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U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Dear Administrator Machado:

Thank you for your October 9, 2015 correspondence confirming that: (1) the authority to assess user fees already exists in federal law, and (2) if the bridge that's been tolled has been repaired or reconstructed, and if the state certifies that it has the resources to keep it maintained, funds generated from a gantry located on that bridge may be used to repair another bridge.

We also acknowledge that, although it is not required, it is best practice for the tolling agency (in this case, RIDOT) to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with FHWA, but that we cannot do that until the state has the authorization for tolling. Based on our conversations, RIDOT understands that the process to move forward is as follows: (1) secure authorization to assess user fees; and then (2) we can enter into an MOU with FHWA which will, among other topics, make final determinations about the locations of the gantries.

I thank you for your continued partnership.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Alviti, Jr.', is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

Peter Alviti, Jr., P.E.  
Director