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Secretary Stephanie Pollack
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Dear Secretary Pollack,

The Town of Bourne and Board of Selectmen wish to congratulate the state and MassDOT for agreeing to be the lead agency for the replacement of the iconic Bourne and Sagamore bridges. The announcement in early July that MassDOT and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would be signing a new memorandum of understanding outlining the respective roles and responsibilities that will allow the two agencies to work together in this regionally significant project was welcome news. Getting to this point has been many years in the making. Although these bridges have served us well for nearly nine decades, having bridges that meet both Federal Highway and MassDOT standards is imperative and will need to serve the Town of Bourne and the Cape and Islands for decades to come.

In that regard, although the bridges serve all of Cape Cod, both bridges and their approaches are wholly within the Town of Bourne. The reality is that most people or businesses don't really think too much about them unless they need to use them on any particular day. However, the bridges are an integral and important part of everyday life for the Town of Bourne (public safety, education, public works) and our residents and businesses.

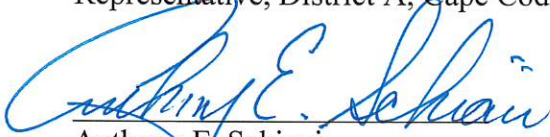
It is our understanding that there will be significant public input and outreach as part of the project and we applaud that, however, we also feel that due to the significant impact the project will have on the Town of Bourne during planning, construction and eventual delivery of the new bridges that there needs to be a direct conduit and participation by the town in addition to what may be planned regionally. We are requesting a representative meeting with MassDOT officials in the next 30-60 days to discuss this and other important aspects early in the projects planning and design phase.

Would you kindly contact us via the phone number or emails noted above to determine a date and time that would work to start our town involvement in this monumental effort in a formal way?

Respectfully,



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