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Dear Members and Friends of APT—

On behalf of the Officers and Board of APT, I would like to thank you for your continued support. We are a vibrant group of advocates, transportation experts, and commuters. Our aim is to ***ensure that transportation dollars are spent efficiently and wisely*** to increase public transportation, minimize congestion, positively impact the economy, preserve the environment, and improve the quality of life for all.

These are challenging times for all transportation activists – locally, regionally, and throughout the country. A stimulus package is winding its way through Washington, with major implications for the economy. APT has continued its work at both the state and federal level to promote projects that will improve transportation choices for all. APT is well prepared to carry this on fight, as APT has been an acknowledged leader in promoting the concept of ***Strategic Transportation Infrastructure*** for some time. We first publicly promoted this idea at a 2007 transportation conference chaired by Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray, and attended by legislative leaders throughout the Northeast. It appears our message, ***“All transportation projects move people and goods, strategic transportation projects move the economy”*** was heard.

Our region desperately needs ***strategic transportation infrastructure investment***, especially in the area of ***high speed inter-city rail and higher speed local transit***. APT will continue to fight for these projects, such as the ***North/South Rail Link (NSRL)*** to connect commuter networks and a ***comprehensive rail freight plan*** to allow double-stack freight from Albany to the Boston seaport. We also continue support for important local projects -- ***Green Line to Somerville, Blue/Red Connector, Arborway*** restoration, light rail on ***Washington St., Blue Line*** to Lynn, and ***South Coast*** rail.

APT will likewise push back against ineffective billion dollar ***Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)*** projects like the Silver Line bus tunnel and the Urban Ring. Nationally, APT has protested the unfortunate modifications to the ARC project in New York and New Jersey. This \$10 billion project will construct two more, much needed tunnels under the Hudson River between Newark and New York City. Unfortunately, the project has been changed such that the new tunnels will no longer terminate in Penn Station, and ***they cannot be used by Amtrak***. So if the existing 100 year old tunnels under the Hudson are out of commission for any reason, the Northeast Corridor would be severed, and New England would lose its uninterrupted service to Washington, DC

But to continue these activities, we need your generous support. APT's primary funding source is through your membership dues. As a 501(c)(3) corporation, dues payments are tax deductible as a charitable contribution. Regular dues start at only \$30 (\$15 for students and seniors). If possible, please contribute at the donor level.

Please mail in your 2009 tax-deductible membership dues of \$30 today!!

I look forward to seeing you this spring at the APT Annual Meeting, if not sooner.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Arena', written in a cursive style.

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Note: APT is growing and has several ***volunteer opportunities*** for those who want to make a difference. Positions are in the area of membership, events, newsletter & website content, marketing, public relations, and finance. If you are interested in any of these slots, or wish to contribute in another way, please call or e-mail us.