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**Federal Highway
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1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

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The Honorable Tom Carper
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Carper:

Thank you for your letter regarding the status of the Federal System Funding Alternative Advisory Board (Advisory Board). This Advisory Board will make recommendations regarding the establishment of the National Motor Vehicle Per-Mile User Fee Pilot authorized in section 13002 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The Department agrees that establishing the Advisory Board is a priority, and I am pleased to provide the update you requested.

Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, no Advisory Board may meet or take any action until a charter has been filed by the Department. Once the charter is filed, FHWA will publish a notice in the Federal Register soliciting members to serve on the Advisory Board. We expect both of these actions will be completed by the end of September. After FHWA receives and reviews the applications, FHWA will make recommendations to the Secretary, who will appoint Advisory Board members. The Department looks forward to receiving their input on the development of the National Motor Vehicle Per-Mile User Fee Pilot Program.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Keith Benjamin, FHWA Associate Administrator for Highway Policy and External Affairs, at Randall.Benjamin@dot.gov. The Department looks forward to continuing to work together as we implement this historic law and deliver its results to the American people. I have sent a similar response to Chairman Graves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shailen P. Bhatt".

Shailen P. Bhatt
Administrator