Memorandum

To: The Honorable Raymond E. Gallison, Jr.
   Chairman, House Finance Committee

   The Honorable Daniel DaPonte
   Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

From: Thomas A. Mullaney
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Subject: Amendments to Article 5 – Relating to Capital Development Program (2016-H-7454)

The Governor requests that two amendments be made to Article 5 entitled “Relating to Capital Development Program” relating to restrictive language in the proposed $35.0 million Green Economy bond. The first amendment eliminates the requirement that bond proceeds for the State Land Acquisition Program be matched with federal and private funds. The second amendment eliminates language that provides bond proceeds for that State Bikeway Development Program may be used to complete the Blackstone River Bikeway and the South County Bikeway. The amendments requested are listed below:

Page 82, Lines 29 through 31: Delete after the word “lands” the following language “with matching funds from federal and private entities. Funds would be leveraged on average 1:3 of state to other dollars.”

Page 87, Line 16: Delete the language “with matching funds from federal and private entities.

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The first amendment is being requested to provide the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) the flexibility to acquire fee simple interest or conservation easements, even if federal or private matching funds are not available to match bond funds.

The second amendment is being requested because the DEM would like flexibility in determining how the bond funding will be spent on bikeway projects.

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