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Dear Sarah,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to review the draft regulations concerning Pennsylvania rail freight grant programs.

After reviewing the draft regulations, I would like to suggest inserting the following addition to Section 511.6 concerning the Application submission procedure:

Applicants are strongly encouraged to coordinate the preparation of applications with the representative metropolitan planning organization or rural planning organization (i.e., prior to submission).

The Commonwealth's MPOs, RPOs, and their city and county planning partners are very interested in rail freight operations, facilities, and solutions. Becoming familiar with the candidate projects "early on" would foster the provision of more meaningful input to PennDOT during the review process, and it also lays the groundwork for improved and expanded candidate project submittals in future years.

Thank you again and best wishes in maintaining these excellent rail freight grant programs, Ted

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**Subject:** Bureau of Rail Freight draft regulations

Good afternoon,

As some of you may recall, in 2010 the Bureau formed a small working group to assist us in creating regulations for our grant programs. After many years, I am pleased to inform you that these draft regulations are moving to the next step toward finalization.

Today (8/29), the draft regulations were published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin for a 30 day public comment period. I encourage you to take the time to review the regulations and provide us with any comments you may have. This will help us to create a solid set of regulations.

The draft regulations are available to view online at <http://www.pabulletin.com/index.asp> and will be listed under "Transportation".

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