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**ANDREW M. CUOMO**  
GOVERNOR

January 31, 2012

Mr. Ray LaHood  
Secretary of Transportation  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

Pursuant to Title XV, Subtitle A, Section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-5 (February 17, 2009)) ("ARRA"), I, Andrew M. Cuomo, hereby certify that the infrastructure investment, listed in the attachments to this certification and dated January 12, 2012 and funded with amounts competitively awarded to New York State by ARRA under the heading "High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program," has received the full review and vetting required by law, and I accept responsibility that such investment is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. I further certify that the specific information required by Section 1511 concerning such investment (a description of the investment, the estimated total cost, and the amount of ARRA funds to be used) will be available to the public at <http://www.recovery.ny.gov>, and linked to [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov).

Sincerely,



ANDREW M. CUOMO

Attachment  
c: Joel Szabat, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy



ARRA 1511 Cert List Certification #5 High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Service Program - January 12, 2012

PIN	Description	County	MPO or Rural County	New York State Rail Plan Reference	Stimulus Amount in \$ millions	Total Project Cost	Fund Source Code	Cert #
X93593	HAROLD INTERLOCKING NORTHEAST CORRIDOR CONGESTION RELIEF RAIL PROJECT - CONSTRUCT DIRECT GRADE BYPASS ROUTES FOR AMTRAK TRAINS TO PROVIDE ON TIME PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT TO OPERATE HIGH SPEED RAIL FOR EXISTING NORTH EAST CORRIDOR SERVICE (FRA ARRA FUNDING)	Queens	NYMTC	Section 5.11 Northeast Corridor, pages 93-94 and East Side Access, pages 106-107. See also East Side Access Project documents at <a href="http://www.mta.info/capconst/esa3/documents.htm">http://www.mta.info/capconst/esa3/documents.htm</a> including FEIS, March 2001, "Technical Memorandum 1, Assessing Potential Design Changes," July 2002, and Technical Memorandum 2, "Design Changes in Queens Revision 14-4M," November, 2005.	294,781	368,476	OTHER FA (ARRA, Section 1507)	5