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Subject: Fiscal Year 2022 & 2023 Unified Planning Work Programs

Dear Mr. Meservy:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 & 2023 Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWPs) for the following Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs):

- Bristol Metropolitan Planning Organization,
- Chattanooga-Hamilton County / North Georgia Transportation Planning Organization,
- Clarksville Urbanized Area Metropolitan Planning Organization,
- Cleveland Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization,
- Jackson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization,
- Johnson City Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization,
- Kingsport Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization,
- Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization,
- Lakeway Area Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization,
- Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, and
- Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

In coordination with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region Four Office, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Tennessee Division has performed a review of the FY 2022 & 2023 UPWPs. Based on this review, we have determined that these documents satisfy the requirements of 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 134, 49 U.S.C. Section 5303, 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 420 and 450, and 2 CFR Part 200.

Accordingly, and as delegated in the Memorandum of Agreement between the FHWA Tennessee Division and the FTA Region Four, the FHWA approves the FY 2022 & 2023 UPWPs.

This approval applies to both fiscal years in the adopted UPWPs. Federal funds for FY 2022 will be available for reimbursement upon Federal Aid Project authorization. Per 23 CFR Part 420.113, expenditures incurred without prior authorization will not be eligible for FHWA participation.

As the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act has authorized funding through FY 2021, Federal funding for FY 2022 is contingent on Federal transportation funding authorization for FY 2022. Programmed funding for FY 2022 will likely not be available for authorization until after October 1, 2021 and may need to be revised prior to this date to accurately reflect the Federal funds available to the MPOs at that time.

As discussed through the Federal review of the UPWPs, FHWA expects TDOT and the MPOs to ensure that the UPWP is fully reflective of all metropolitan planning activities to be reimbursed with Federal funding throughout the period covered by the UPWP. MPOs are advised to consult with TDOT and FHWA on any activities or expenditures which are not included in the approved UPWP and to take appropriate action, either through UPWP amendment or administrative modification, to program such activities in the UPWP.

Expenditure invoicing and progress reports should continue to be submitted quarterly, with copies provided to FHWA.

Finally, we commend your staff's efforts in the development and review of the UPWPs. If you have any questions, please contact me at (615) 781-5757 or Elizabeth.Watkins@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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