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Subject: Fiscal Year 2026 & 2027 Unified Planning Work Programs
Johnson City MPO

Dear Mr. Meservy:

In coordination with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region IV Office, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Tennessee Division has performed a review of the FY 2026 & 2027 UPWP. 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 IV, FHWA approves the FY 2026 & 2027 UPWP.

This approval applies to both fiscal years in the adopted UPWP. Federal funds for FY 2026 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.

The UPWP is expected reflect all metropolitan planning activities to be reimbursed with Federal funding throughout the covered fiscal years; TDOT is responsible for exercising the appropriate oversight to ensure only eligible expenses are reimbursed. The MPO is 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 to program such activities accordingly.

We commend the efforts of the MPO and TDOT in the development and review of the UPWP. If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact me at (615) 781-5788 or Sonya.Baker@dot.gov

Sincerely,

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Safety Engineer

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