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To: Policy Board & Transportation Committee
From: Tom Maziarz
Date: May 12, 2005
Subject: CRCOG transportation program certified by FHWA & FTA

We received official notice that the Federal Transit Administration and the Federal Highway Administration have certified CRCOG's transportation planning program as meeting all requirements of the federal MPO planning regulations. The certification process involves an in-depth review of our programs and must be conducted once every three years. Certification is required if CRCOG is to continue in its role as the Metropolitan Planning Organization performing functions such as developing the Regional Transportation Plan and approving funding for transportation projects.

FHWA and FTA conducted their review this past fall and completed their report over the last few months. A copy of their certification letter is attached. The full certification report will be made available on CRCOG's website.



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April 11, 2005

Mr. Lyle Wray, Executive Director
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Re: Certification of the Transportation Planning Process
Capitol Region MPO, Hartford Transportation Management Area

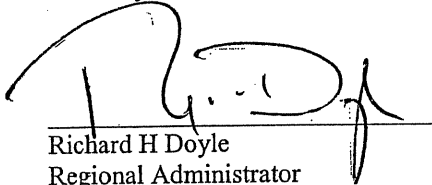
Dear Mr. Wray:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are pleased to submit for your information and appropriate action, the enclosed final report of the Certification of the Planning Process carried out by the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) in the Hartford Transportation Management Area.

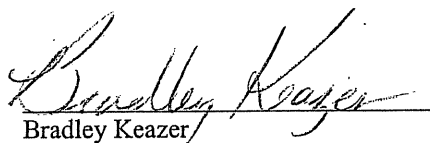
The final report finds that the transportation planning process of the CRCOG substantially meets the requirements of 23 CFR Part 450 and 49 CFR Part 613. Therefore, we are jointly certifying the transportation planning process. The review team found no "corrective actions" during this review. The final report includes observations and recommendations for minor improvements to the CRCOG transportation planning process.

The FHWA and FTA would like to thank all participants in this certification review. We commend CRCOG for their exemplary attention to the transportation planning process and look forward to continuing to work with you, and the other members of the MPO to enhance the transportation planning process in the Capitol Region.

Sincerely,



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Regional Administrator
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