

Post 2000 Census: Updating Federal-aid Urban Boundaries

Instructions

Enclosed are two copies of a map (or maps) for your area. These maps display the existing federal-aid urban boundary (FAUB) and the area enclosed by the 2000 Census urbanized area or urban cluster boundary. Also enclosed are guidelines for establishing and updating federal-aid urban boundaries.

With the 2000 Census, the criteria for determining what is urban or urbanized changed relative to the 1990 Census. Also since the 1990 Census, MDOT has made major efforts to incorporate geographic attributes, such as the FAUB, National Functional Classification, and legal system, into the Michigan Geographic Framework, or GIS. For these reasons, in addition to the attached guidelines, MDOT asks that you note the following:

The existing federal-aid urban boundary shown on the attached maps is for reference only. This boundary will not be automatically “grandfather-ed” in as part of the update process.

Steps

1. Review the attached guidelines. The 2000 Census boundary represents the USC Title 23 minimum boundary for the urban cluster or urbanized area shown on the attached maps. In Michigan, the entire corporate limits of any incorporated city or village deemed partially urban by the Census will also be considered part of the minimum FAUB. You may propose additional area for inclusion within the FAUB based on the attached guidelines (in summary, for “urban characteristics” and for “smoothing.”)
2. Mark the proposed FAUB on the enclosed maps (or, if you have GIS capabilities and would like to provide your proposed FAUB in a GIS format, see contact information below). Where the proposed FAUB extends beyond the 2000 Census boundary and/or applicable corporate limits, you must provide documentation and/or an explanation showing that the additional area meets one or more criteria included in the attached guidelines.
3. Adopt a resolution indicating that you have complied in the FAUB update process. A sample resolution is enclosed. Signatures should represent all that apply: the MPO, county road commissions, city or village officials, and transit agencies, as appropriate.
4. Return one copy of the marked-up map, documentation as appropriate, and a copy of the signed resolution to the following address, no later than December 30, 2002.

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5. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Berquist at 517-335-2929. Individual area, MPO or

regional meetings may be arranged, upon request.