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Subject: Post-2000 U.S. Census Federal-aid Urban Boundary Update

Dear :

Following each decennial U.S. Census, federal law requires that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) cooperate with the appropriate local officials to update federal-aid urban boundaries. The federal-aid urban boundary governs which type or source of funding is available for road improvements in your area. This boundary is the dividing line for urban and rural designations in the National Functional Classification system. For county road commissions, the location of this boundary also affects the distribution of monies from the Michigan Transportation Fund (Act 51).

Federal-aid urban boundaries begin with U.S. Census urban areas as a minimum. Included in this package are materials for your use in establishing or revising federal-aid urban boundaries, using the urban areas determined by the 2000 U.S. Census as a starting point. Attached are the following:

1. Updating Federal-aid Urban Boundaries: Post-2000 Census — Instructions
2. Guidelines for Updating Federal-aid Urban Boundaries
3. A sample resolution to show compliance with the Title 23 USC update process
4. Two copies of a map (or maps) for the area under your jurisdiction or within your responsibility that require updated federal-aid urban boundaries (if yours is an extensive area, larger maps will be mailed to you under separate cover.)

Please note that if the U.S. Census Bureau identifies area as meeting their urban criteria, and if the overall area has a census population of 5,000 or greater, that area *must* be included within federal-aid urban boundaries.

If your area is located outside any boundaries established for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), a separate letter will be sent to the transit agency that serves your area. This is to provide local public transit operators notification of the federal-aid urban boundary update and to encourage their involvement in the update process. Since MPOs include local public transit operators within their membership, such notification and involvement will be provided through their regular committee process.

The federal-aid urban boundary update process may be new to you, or you may have been involved in the previous update, following the 1990 Census. In either case, please feel free to call me at (517) 335-2929 if you have any questions about this matter.

Thank you for your cooperation in the federal-aid urban boundary update process.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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