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Re: SAFETEA-LU Requirement - Direct Recipient – Governor Designation

For the large urban areas of the State, SAFETEA-Lu requires the Governor to designate the direct recipient for two new Federal Transit Administration formula fund programs: Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and the New Freedom Program. An excerpt from the **Elderly Individuals and Individuals With Disabilities, Job Access and Reverse Commute, New Freedom Programs and Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plans: Notice of Public Meeting, Interim Guidance for FY06 Implementation, and Proposed Rulemaking**, Number 71 FR 13456 March 15, 2006 speaks to the requirement:

In urbanized areas over 200,000 in population, the recipient is designated as prescribed in Sec. 5307(a) (2). FTA interprets the provision regarding the designated recipient for JARC and New Freedom to mean that a recipient charged with administering the JARC and New Freedom programs must be officially designated through a process consistent with the provision in Sec. 5307(a)(2)(A) which provides:

... an entity designated in accordance with the planning process under sections 5303, 5304, and 5306, by the chief executive officer of a State, responsible local officials, and publicly owned operators of public transportation, to receive and apportion amounts under 5336 that are attributable to transportation management areas under section 5303.

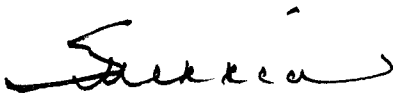
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Please conduct a collaborative process to agree, by formal resolution, on the designated recipient in your urban area. Typically, it will be the transit district, but documentation of the selection process and the resulting resolution(s) must be forwarded to ODOT Public Transit Division, Attn. Sherrin Coleman by December 1, 2006.

Thank you; please don't hesitate to call if I can be of assistance.

Regards,



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