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Mr. Ryan G. Dayvault, TAC Chairman  
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Organization  
130 West Innes Street  
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Subject: Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration Certification  
Review of the Cabarrus Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization's  
Transportation Planning Process

Dear Mr. Dayvault:

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) continues to mandate the certification of the transportation planning process in transportation management areas (TMA) at least once every four years by the U. S. Department of Transportation. The purpose of the certification review is to determine if the transportation planning process being conducted in the area meets the Federal requirements as listed in 23CFR450 Subpart C. We will be conducting our review of the Cabarrus Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization (CRMPO) because they are classified as a TMA having a population greater than 200,000.

The Federal certification review team will consist of the FHWA North Carolina Division Office, the Federal Transit Administration Region-4 personnel. The North Carolina Department of Transportation will also participate. We have streamlined the review process and because of Mrs. Barren's ongoing participation in the MPO planning processes we will only review the program areas deemed necessary.

The review will be conducted on Monday, February 27, 2023. A very important aspect of our review is to provide the public an opportunity to comment. We have worked with Mr. Conrad to arrange for the use of social media as well as to advertise with the local news media. There will be no formal public meeting. We would also like to offer you and the CRMPO board members as well as the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) the opportunity to share your feedback with the review team. If any member wishes to speak with us, please contact Mrs. Barren, Mrs. Orr, or Mr. Marley. The Federal team will hold a brief report out to summarize some of the draft findings after the completion of the site visit.

Mr. Bill Marley will be leading the review with assistance from Loretta W. Barren, Joe Geigle, Brandon Oliver with FHWA, and Parris Orr with FTA. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Marley if you have any questions. He can be reached at (919) 747-7028 or via e-mail at [bill.marley@dot.gov](mailto:bill.marley@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

For John F. Sullivan, III, P.E.  
Division Administrator