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January 21, 2005

Mr. John Sullivan
Federal Highway Administration
310 New Bern Avenue
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-1442

Re: Planning Area Agreement

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Federal regulations require that MABs include, at a minimum, all of the urbanized area as defined by the Census Bureau. A small portion of the Durham UZA falls within the Capital Area MPO MAB. Likewise, a small portion of the Raleigh Urbanized area falls within the DCHC MPO MAB. A map showing these areas is attached for your reference.

In an effort to provide continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning for these areas, it is felt that the prudent course of action is a letter of agreement between the two MPOs.

In November of 2004, these two Metropolitan Planning Organizations entered into a Memorandum of Agreement to “participate in a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive (3-C) transportation planning process in an entity known as the Triangle Metropolitan Planning Organizations Coordinating Council (TMPOCC).” TMPOCC being an advisory group to the two MPOs that will encourage cooperation and joint work efforts while recognizing and allowing the MPOs to remain autonomous and thus able to concentrate as needed on issues and projects of local interest which have profound impacts on the overall transportation systems.

This letter of agreement shall serve to fulfill federal requirements relative to the planning for that portion of the Durham UZA that lies within the CAMPO MAB and likewise that portion of the Raleigh UZA that lies within the DCHC MPO MAB.

By signature below it is agreed that:

1. planning activities for that portion of the Durham UZA that lies within Wake County and thus within the planning boundary of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, shall be provided by the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization in cooperation with the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

2. planning activities for that portion of the Raleigh UZA that lies within Durham County and thus within the planning boundary of the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization, shall be provided by the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization in cooperation with the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

SIGNATURES OF AGREEMENT

Joe Bryan, Chair
Capital Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization

William "Bill" Bell
Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro
Metropolitan Planning Organization

Date

Date

cc: Mike Bruff, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch
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