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Mr. Craig Lyon  
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RE: 2011 Transportation Planning Certification Review – Final Report  
Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions

Dear Mr. Lyon:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are pleased to provide you with the enclosed final report of our Planning Certification Review of the Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS). Pursuant to 23 U.S.C. and 49 U.S.C. 1607 provisions of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the FHWA and FTA are required to conduct a certification review of the transportation planning process in urbanized areas with populations over 200,000, once every four years. FHWA and FTA staff conducted a joint review of your metropolitan planning organization transportation planning process on September 21-22, 2010.

The certification reviews are conducted with the objective of evaluating the transportation planning process in the spirit of highlighting good practices, exchanging information, and identifying opportunities for improvements. We found that the performance of your agency supports certifying AMATS, subject to the corrective actions identified in this report. A complete draft of the findings, corrective actions and recommendations contained in this report was shared with your staff for comment. The enclosed report formally documents the full results of our review.

We would like to acknowledge the outstanding technical work performed by your MPO. We are pleased with progress made on many of the recommendations identified during the previous

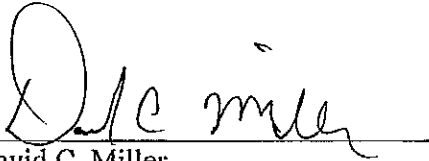


certification review conducted in 2007. We especially appreciate the time and assistance that your staff, along with your partners at the State DOT and Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, provided during the course of this review. Please convey our thanks for their support.

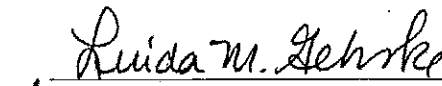
**The primary result of our review is that FHWA and FTA are jointly certifying the transportation planning process of the MPO for the Municipality of Anchorage, subject to the corrective actions identified in this report. This certification will remain in effect for four years from the date of this certification letter. Please work with our respective offices to outline your methods to respond to these corrective actions within the time frames specified in the report.**

If you have any questions please contact Kris Riesenbergh, FHWA Alaska Division, Planning Operations and ITS Program Manager, at (907) 586-7413 or Ned Conroy, FTA Region 10, Community Planner, at (206) 220-4318 for any questions or follow-up actions regarding this review.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: AMATS Transportation Planning Certification Review Final Report

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