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Dear Chairman Allender,

Federal law requires the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to jointly certify each Transportation Management Area's (TMA) planning process at least every four years. An urbanized area with 200,000 or more population is referred to in federal legislation as a TMA. We recently conducted a review of the Palm Bay-Melbourne, FL Transportation Management Area, more commonly referred to as the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (TPO).


The recent review of the Space Coast TPO's planning process included a site visit conducted by representatives from the FHWA and FTA on July 9-10, 2014. Significant time was spent with the TPO staff, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the transit agency to discuss the current status of the TPO's "3-C" planning process. Throughout the site visit, opportunities were also afforded to local elected / appointed officials and the general public to provide their insights on the TPO's planning process. In addition to assessing the TPO's progress in addressing findings from prior certification reviews, the recent site visit focused on the TPO's current and/or future implementation of metropolitan transportation planning requirements.

Enclosed for your consideration is the final *TMA Certification Review Report* for the Palm Bay-Melbourne TMA which includes the documentation of the various components of the FHWA/FTA certification review for the Space Coast TPO. The report provides an overview of the TMA certification review process, summarizes the various discussions from the recent site visit, provides a series of review findings and issues the FHWA/FTA certification action. In general, the review determined the continued existence of a "3-C" metropolitan transportation planning process that satisfies the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 1607 and associated Federal requirements. The Federal Review Team noted two corrective actions, ten noteworthy practices and identified eight recommendations to improve the current planning process of the Space Coast TPO.

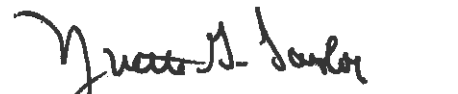
Based on the overall findings, the FHWA and FTA jointly certify that the transportation planning process of the Palm Bay-Melbourne TMA (Space Coast TPO) substantially meets the federal planning requirements in 23 CFR 450 Subpart C subject to the TPO satisfactorily addressing the Corrective Actions stated in this report. The TPO is encouraged to provide FHWA and FTA with evidence of satisfactory completion of the corrective actions prior to the deadline. The TPO's progress in meeting the corrective actions will be monitored and evaluated. **This certification will remain in effect until October 2018.**

If you have any questions regarding the certification review process and/or the *TMA Certification Review Report*, please contact Ms. Shakira T. Crandol at (850) 553-2220 or by email at [Shakira.crandol@dot.gov](mailto:Shakira.crandol@dot.gov).

Sincerely,



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