

## **Ozark Regional Transit, Inc.**

2423 E Robinson Ave, Springdale, AR 72764

October 12, 2012

Jeff Hawkins, Executive Director Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission 1311 Clayton Street Springdale, Arkansas 72762

Re: Designated Recipient for FTA Programs
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO Urbanized Area

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

Reference is made to recent discussions regarding Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations and requirements that become applicable because the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO Urbanized Area (UZA) has in excess of 200,000 persons. One such requirement is for a Designated Recipient to be named for FTA's Section 5307 and other grant programs.

As an UZA transit provider receiving FTA assistance, including Section 5307 funds, please be advised that the Ozark Regional Transit Board of Directors, at our 9/22/2012 meeting, unanimously concurred in, and approval of, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission being the Designated Recipient for FTA grant programs, including Section 5307. This action was deemed appropriate given the fact that the Commission is also designated as the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and has previously served the State in determining how 5307 funds were be split between the area's two transit providers—Ozark Regional Transit and Razorback Transit.

Should any questions arise, or additional information be required, please advise.

Sincerely,

Jerre M. Van Hoose, Chairman Ozark Regional Transit Authority

Cc: Scott Bennett, Director, AHTD

David Martinson, Razorback Transit CEO

Don McMillen, Public Transportation Administrator, AHTD