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The Honorable Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor of Missouri
State Capitol
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Governor Nixon:

The U.S. Census Bureau has determined, because of the 2010 Census data, the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers urbanized area boundary now extends across the Arkansas state line into Missouri. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) has reviewed and recommends approval to expand the Arkansas portion of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (RPC) into McDonald County, Missouri. The Northwest Arkansas RPC Transportation Policy Committee approved the recommendation on April 25, 2014. The MoDOT now requests approval of the latest revision of the metropolitan planning area boundary to include McDonald County. Enclosed is the following information.

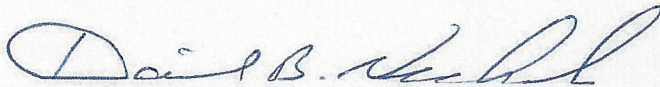
- The approved Northwest Arkansas RPC Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) approved boundary map
- The Northwest Arkansas RPC resolution approving the metropolitan planning area
- Approval letters from the jurisdictions in McDonald County included in the expanded MPA
- The Missouri Governor's approval letter designating Northwest Arkansas RPC as the recipient of Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Transit funds

As required by Section 134 of Title 23 United State Code, metropolitan planning area boundary changes must be submitted to the Governor for approval. According to federal regulation 23 CFR 450.312, approval of the metropolitan planning area boundary by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is not required. However, it does require metropolitan planning area boundary maps be transmitted to them.

Your signature below indicates the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary revision has been officially approved.

If you have any questions, please contact Eva Voss, Senior Transportation Planner, at 573-751-3705.

Sincerely,



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Director

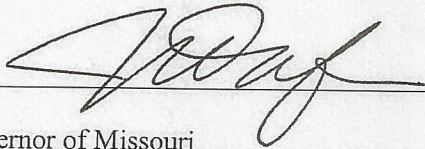
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Approved:  Date: 6/10/14

Title: Governor of Missouri