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The Honorable Mike Beebe
Governor of Arkansas
State Capitol, Room 250
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: Designated Recipient Status
Federal Transit Administration Programs
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers Urbanized Area

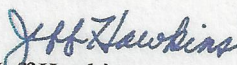
Dear Governor Beebe:

Recently, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) advised that certain programmatic changes are necessary as a result of the population of the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO Urbanized Area (UZA) exceeding 200,000. For UZA's between 50,000 and 199,999, FTA funding is apportioned to the Governor as the "Designated Recipient" responsible for allocating these funds. When an UZA's population exceeds 200,000, which is what has happened in Northwest Arkansas (295,083), FTA regulations require that an appropriate agency in the urbanized area be appointed by the Governor as the Designated Recipient.

As suggested by FTA, consultation has occurred among affected organizations and transit providers in the region, and concurrence has been reached that the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission should be appointed as the Designated Recipient for Federal Transit Administration grant programs for the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO Urbanized Area. Letters of approval and concurrence from Razorback Transit and Ozark Regional Transit Authority—the public transit providers in the region—are enclosed. A resolution from the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, which is also the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the area, is also enclosed. A suggested letter to the FTA Region 6 making the appointment is provided herewith. Please note that the approval and concurrence documents should accompany the appointment letter.

Your consideration of this matter would be appreciated. Should additional information be required, please advise.

Sincerely,


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Director

Enclosures: 3

Cc: Missouri Governor Jay Nixon
Regional Administrator, FTA Region 6
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