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Ms. Robin M. Hutcheson
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390 Robert Street North
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Subject: Metropolitan Council Federal Regional Funding Solicitation and Regional Planning Framework – Title VI Civil Rights Compliance and Directives

Dear Chair Hutcheson:

We appreciate and acknowledge the Metropolitan Council's response and its recommendation that the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) adopt specific scoring revisions. We look forward to continuing to work with the Metropolitan Council and staff, and Minnesota Department of Transportation through the Metropolitan Planning Organization's transportation planning process to ensure that future updates to the federally required transportation planning products address any other ongoing issues.

FHWA and FTA are also in receipt of the Metropolitan Council's compliance update and schedule detailing the TAB and Metropolitan Council anticipated adoption of the revised 2026 Regional Solicitation criteria.

If you have questions or require technical assistance, please contact Scott Mareck (FHWA Minnesota Division) at scott.mareck@dot.gov or Susan Weber (FTA Region 5) at susan.weber@dot.gov.

Sincerely yours,

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