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Jeffrey Mullan, Secretary and CEO
Massachusetts Department of Transportation
10 Park Plaza, Room 4150
Boston, MA 02116-396

**Re: Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Planning Certification Review Final Report**

Dear Secretary Mullan:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are pleased to submit the final *MPO Certification Review Report* that documents the recent FHWA/FTA planning certification review of the Boston Regional MPO.

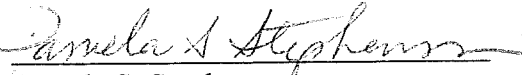
This review of the MPO planning process relied largely upon a site visit conducted by representatives from FHWA and FTA on July 27, 28, and 29th, 2010. Significant time was spent with staff from the MPO, the MassDOT and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) to discuss the current status of the MPO's "3-C" planning process.

This report summarizes the various discussions from the site visit and provides a series of commendations and recommendations. As indicated in the report, the FHWA and the FTA have determined that the transportation planning process substantially meets the requirements of 23 CFR Part 450 Subpart C and 49 CFR Part 613. The FHWA and the FTA are therefore jointly certifying the transportation planning process.

The MPO certification review is one of several methods employed by FHWA and FTA to monitor and assess the metropolitan transportation planning process. Other methods include the review and approval of the MPO's Unified Planning Work Program; review of the MPO's Long-Range Transportation Plan; issuance of the Federal planning finding that the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program resulted from a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive process; and periodic meeting attendance.

The FHWA and FTA would like to thank Boston Region MPO and MassDOT staff for their participation and look forward to working with them. If you have any questions or comments, please contact William Gordon at (617) 494-3514 or Michael Chong at (617) 494-3275.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Boston Regional MPO TMA Certification Review Report

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