

THE COMMONWEALTH of MASSACHUSETTS

***METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING***

by and between

**BOSTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION,
MERRIMACK VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION,
NORTHERN MIDDLESEX METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION,
OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION,
SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION,**

concerning

**THE EFFECT of the URBANIZED AREA DESIGNATIONS of the 2000 CENSUS
on CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
in METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS**

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of the Census has designated urbanized areas in accordance with the 2000 Census; and

WHEREAS, the Boston Urbanized Area has been expanded as a result of the 2000 Census, and now incorporates portions of contiguous existing Metropolitan Planning Organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Organizations conduct a continuing, comprehensive and cooperative transportation planning process as provided for by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, Section 3004 and Section 1203; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth, in response to the provisions of Title 23 CFR and Title 49 CFR federal planning regulations, has designated the parties to this agreement to be the Metropolitan Planning Organizations for the regions within the Boston Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Agencies are recognized by the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) as having statutory responsibility for comprehensive planning including transportation planning, as provided for under Massachusetts General Laws and, in the Boston region, the Central Transportation Planning Staff provides primary staff support to the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

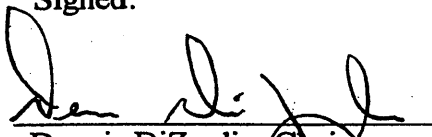
WHEREAS, the current regional planning area boundaries will be maintained, and the Metropolitan Planning Organizations will continue transportation planning activities within these boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the five Metropolitan Planning Organizations in the Boston Urbanized Area will undertake continuing transportation planning activities to promote coordinated and comprehensive transportation plans and programs and will strive for consistency in plans and policies for the transportation system in the Boston Urbanized Area; and

NOW THEREFORE, this Memorandum of Understanding reflects the intent of the affected Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organizations within the Boston urbanized area to coordinate transportation planning by and between each of the signatory MPOs and the Boston MPO as follows:

1. Membership by each signatory MPO to a contiguous signatory MPO regional transportation advisory committee
2. Provision of draft certification documents and other relevant planning documents
3. Notification of meetings and other relevant activities identified in their respective Public Participation Programs
4. Invitation to attend Metropolitan Planning Organization meetings
5. Modification of respective MPO Memoranda of Understanding to include a representative of the adjoining Metropolitan Planning Organization to participate as an ex-officio, non-voting member

Signed:



Dennis DiZoglio, Chairman
Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Planning & Programming Committee



**MERRIMACK VALLEY METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION
ENDORSEMENT**

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION MEMORANDUM OF
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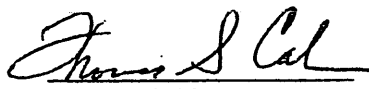
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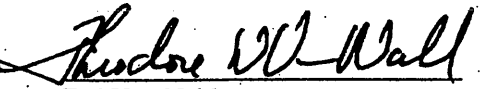
Gaylord Burke
Executive Director


We, the undersigned Council of Signatories for the Merrimack Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby endorse the attached Metropolitan Planning Organization Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Boston, Merrimack Valley, N Middlesex, Old Colony and Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organizations concerning the effect of the urbanized area designation of the 2000 Certification requirements in Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

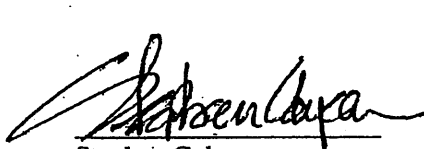
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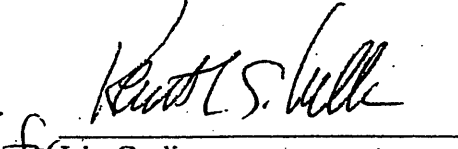
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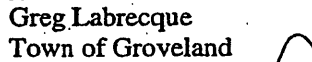

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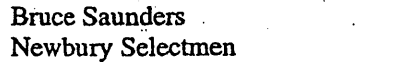

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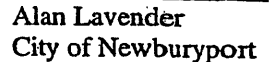

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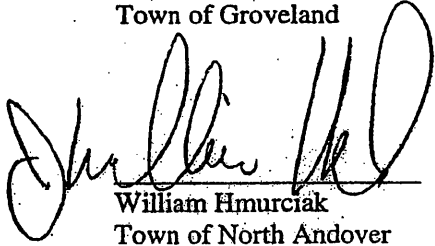

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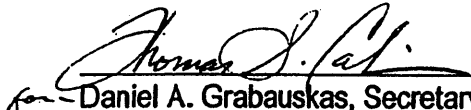
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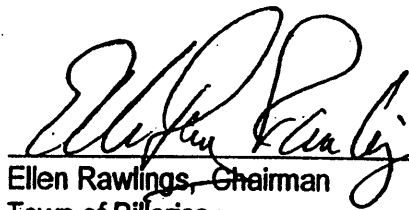
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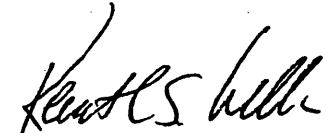
NORTHERN MIDDLESEX METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**ENDORSEMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE EFFECT OF THE URBANIZED AREA
DESIGNATIONS OF THE 2000 CENSUS ON CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

This document will certify that the Northern Middlesex Metropolitan Planning Organization, at its meeting of September 4, 2003, hereby approves the endorsement of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Memorandum of Understanding Concerning the Effect of the Urbanized Area Designations of the 2000 Census on Certification Requirements. The MOU is being endorsed in accordance with the 3C Transportation Planning Process.


for Daniel A. Grabauskas, Secretary
Executive Office of Transportation
and Construction
9/04/03
Date


Ellen Rawlings, Chairman
Town of Billerica
9/04
Date


John Cogliano, Commissioner
Massachusetts Highway Department
9/4/03
Date


Daniel Tenczar, City Councillor
City of Lowell
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Jimmy B. Good, Chairman
Lowell Regional Transit Authority
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Date

Thomas Moran, Selectman
Town of Chelmsford
Date

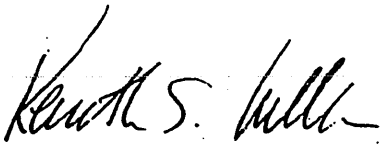

Arthur Doyle
Billerica Representative
Lowell Regional Transit Authority
9/4/03
Date

**Old Colony
Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**CERTIFICATION OF THE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

This is to certify that the signatories of the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (OCMPO), at its MPO meeting on September 9, 2003, hereby approves and endorses the Memorandum of Understanding concerning the effect of the Urbanized Area Designations of the 2000 Census on Certification Requirements in MPOs.

Signatory Certification:

for 

Daniel A. Grabauskas, Secretary
Executive Office of Transportation & Construction

9/9/03
Date

for 

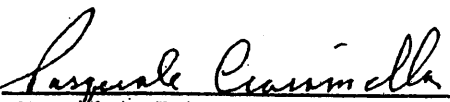
John Cogliano, Commissioner
Massachusetts Highway Department

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John T. Yunits, Jr., Chair
Brockton Area Transit Authority

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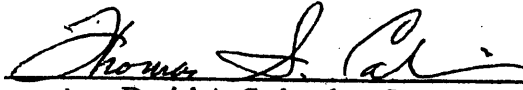
David A. Johnson, President
Old Colony Planning Council


9-9-03
Date

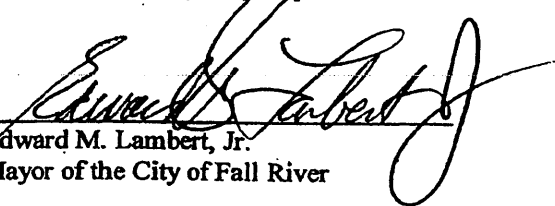
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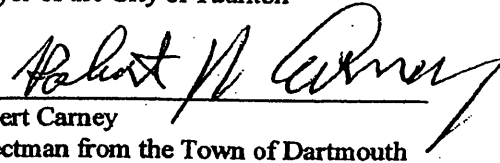
The Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO) hereby certifies that it endorses the Memorandum of Understanding concerning the effect of the Urbanized Area Designations of the 2000 Census on Certification Requirements in MPOs.


for Daniel A. Grabuaskas, Secretary
Executive Office of Transportation and Construction

for 
John Cogliano, Commissioner
Massachusetts Highway Department



Edward M. Lambert, Jr.
Mayor of the City of Fall River

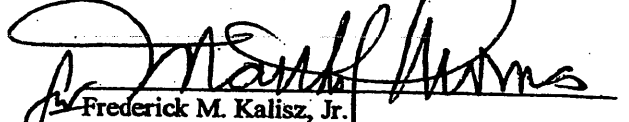
Thaddeus M. Strojny
Mayor of the City of Taunton

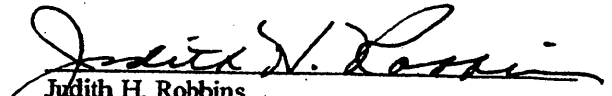

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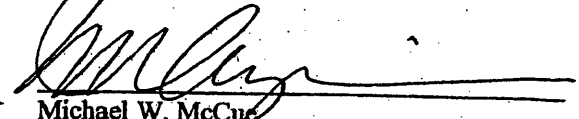
Louis D. Pettine, Administrator
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Lorri-Ann Miller, Chairman
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for Frederick M. Kalisz, Jr.
Mayor of the City of New Bedford

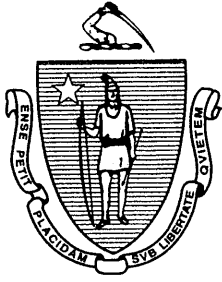

Judith H. Robbins
Mayor of the City of Attleboro


Cynthia Chamberlain
Selectman from the Town of Wareham

for 
Michael W. McCue
Selectman from the Town of Mansfield


Francis J. Gay, Administrator
Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional
Transit Authority

The Signatories of the SMMPO (or their designees) took this action at a public meeting of the MPO on September 3, 2003.



Mitt Romney
Governor

Kerry Healey
Lieutenant Governor

Daniel A. Grabauskas
Secretary of Transportation

Richard Doyle
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
55 Broadway – 9th floor
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142

Dear Mr. Doyle:

As Secretary of Transportation and Chairman of the Commonwealth's Metropolitan Planning Organizations, I am pleased to transmit the signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) specifying coordination activities for the following MPOs:

- Boston Region
- Merrimack Valley
- Northern Middlesex
- Old Colony
- Southeast Massachusetts

As you know, with the expansion of urbanized areas resulting from the 2000 U.S. Census, five of our Metropolitan Planning Organizations share some or all of the Boston urbanized area. This has resulted in a new era of cooperation and coordination of transportation planning. In this regard and in conformance with federal regulations, the MOU establishes procedures to assure that planning activities are coordinated among these MPOs.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the assistance provided by your staff on this issue. In particular, Andy Motter was quite helpful in facilitating this process.

If you have any questions, please call me or Kenneth S. Miller, P.E., Director of the Bureau of Transportation planning and Development at (617) 973-8064.

Sincerely,


Daniel A. Grabauskas
Secretary of Transportation





cc: Astrid Glynn, Deputy Secretary
Thomas Cahir, Assistant Secretary
John Cogliano, Commissioner
Luisa Paiewonsky, Deputy Commissioner
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Dennis DiZoglio, Chair, Boston MPO TPPC
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