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Dennis Smith  
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RE: Proposed Federal Guidance to Include Transit Representation on the  
MPO Policy Board

Dear Mr. Smith: *Dennis*

The MAG Regional Council Executive Committee agenda for October 15, 2013 includes an item to discuss the proposed guidance jointly issued from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regarding a “specifically designated representative” for providers of public transportation on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) policy board. I am writing to provide input to the significant policy change related to that agenda item.

FHWA and FTA are asking for comments to be submitted on the proposed guidance by October 30, 2013. Transit providers throughout the Country and the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) are in the process of developing comments on the guidance, as are MPO's. Those comments will be considered by FHWA and FTA in the issuance of a final rule or guidance associated with this provision.

We look forward to working cooperatively with MAG and the City of Phoenix, as the designated recipient of Urbanized Area Formula Funding in this region, to the implementation of the final rule or guidance related to transit representation on the MPO policy board when it is issued by FHWA and FTA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Banta'.

Stephen R. Banta  
Chief Executive Officer