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Dear Secretary Boardman and Commissioner Daubenberger:

After a thorough review of the issue regarding the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) designation for the Duluth-Superior urbanized area, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) confirms the finding by both the State of Wisconsin and the State of Minnesota that the Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC) policy board is the MPO for the Duluth-Superior urbanized area.

FHWA's decision is based on its interpretation of the controlling statute 23 USC 134(b)(2). Specifically, because the MIC policy board was established to serve as the policy board for the Duluth-Superior urbanized area the applicable federal law clearly designates the MIC policy board as the MPO for that area.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jason Nordberg from FHWA Wisconsin Division at (608) 829-7523 or Scott Mareck from FHWA Minnesota Division at (651) 421-8083.

Sincerely yours,

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