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March 27, 2013

The Honorable Dannel Malloy  
State Capitol  
210 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

RE: Designation of the Lower Connecticut River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

Dear Governor Malloy:

As a result of the initiative to promote cooperative regionalism, the nine towns of the Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency and the eight towns of the Midstate Regional Planning Agency have successfully merged into the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments. The next step is designation of the region as the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The Lower Connecticut River Valley Region is a unique area which works toward long range transportation planning in context with sustainable economic, land use, and conservation goals for the region and the State of Connecticut. The Lower Connecticut River Valley Region works cooperatively with neighboring Metropolitan Planning Organizations to promote seamless transportation planning.

Pursuant to Section 134(b), Title 23, U.S. Code, the First Selectmen and Mayors of the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments respectfully request that you designate the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments in cooperation with transportation stakeholders and as depicted on the accompanying map, the Lower Connecticut River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization. Pursuant to Part 450.306 of the U.S. Code re: Metropolitan Planning Organization, resolutions from the Midstate Regional Planning Organization and the Connecticut River Estuary Metropolitan Planning Organization voting to merge their respective Metropolitan Planning Organizations are included with this request for MPO designation.

The new LCRVMPO in cooperation with the Council of Governments and other stakeholders will carry out transportation planning process as outlined in Federal regulations, 23CFR Part 450 and 49CFR Part 613 Federal regulations.

We urge you to take the necessary procedural steps to assure that this designation is accomplished.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Catherine Iino".

Catherine Iino, Chairman

Cc/ Amy Jackson-Grove, FHWA  
James Redeker, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Transportation  
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