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KATS 2016 Certification Review

March 23-24, 2016, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conducted the first transportation planning certification review for the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) after being designated a transportation management area following the 2010 Census. The objective of a certification review is to determine if the process meets federal transportation planning requirements which are prerequisites to the advancement of federal transportation projects in the urbanized area.

We found the process substantially meets the federal transportation planning regulations and therefore jointly certify the planning process for the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study. The details of the review and our findings will be included in a report to be issued separately.

We sincerely appreciate the cooperation and discussion with your staff during this review. Please contact Andy Pickard, FHWA, (517) 702-1846 or Stewart McKenzie, FTA, (312) 353-2866 if you have any questions regarding the certification.

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