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To: MPO, County RC, City and Villages

Dear Sir/Madam:

Subject: Post 2010 U.S. Adjusted Census Urban Boundary Update

Following each decennial U.S. Census, federal law allows the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) the option to adjust U.S. Census Urban Area (CUA or UA) boundaries over 5,000 populations. This serves as notification to appropriate local officials that your participation is requested. The Adjusted Census Urban Boundary (ACUB) governs which type or source of funding is available for road improvements in your area. This boundary is the dividing line for urban and rural roads and affects the allowable density for federal aid roads using the National Functional Classification (NFC) system. For county road commissions, the location of this boundary also affects the distribution of monies from the Michigan Transportation Fund (Act 51).

The UA adjustment is due to MDOT by June 1, 2013. If there is no action by this date, the ACUB may default to the unadjusted U.S. Census 2010 UA or MDOT reserves the right to make the adjustment per FHWA approval.

The ACUB begins with U.S. Census UAs as a minimum. Included in this package are maps and materials sent to one agency (primary agency) to use in cooperation with the other affected road agencies (secondary agencies). Secondary agencies should contact the primary agency (see the "Primary Agency Map List") and review this material prior to meeting with MDOT. The maps and materials included are:

1. "2010 Census Urban Statewide Review Instructions" – Outlines the overall process.
2. "2010 Census Urban Statewide Review Guidelines" – Details the urban mark-up maps, justification codes, and GIS process.
3. "2010 Census Urban Statewide Review Resolution" – Signature sheet to show local compliance with the Title 23 USC update process.
4. Primary Agency Map List – List of Census UAs and which road agencies are primary or secondary. If you are a primary agency, two copies of each UA map (or maps) are provided called "Mark-up Map(s)." You also have the option of using GIS in lieu of the paper maps. A smaller example map shows the US Census 2000 UAs and the resulting ACUB from the 2000 statewide review. Mark one map to turn into MDOT, keep the second map as a copy for your agency.

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As a communication resource for urban characteristics and as an aid to determining urban area adjustments, MDOT has created a website that will display the status of the "Proposed ACUB" at <http://mcgiwebuat.mcgi.state.mi.us/acub>. This website should be live by the end of September 2012.

Please note that if the U.S. Census Bureau identifies an area as meeting their urban criteria, and if the overall area has a census population of 5,000 or greater, that area *must* be included within the ACUB.

If your agency is located outside any boundaries established for metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), a separate letter will be sent to the transit agency that serves your area and if applicable, any Indian Reservations. This is to provide all road agencies notification of the ACUB process and to encourage their involvement in the review process. Since MPOs should include local public transit operators within their membership, such notification and involvement will be provided through their regular committee process.

The statewide ACUB update process may be new to you, or you may have been involved in the previous update, following the 2000 Census. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 517-335-2932.

Thank you for your cooperation in the Post 2010 U.S. Adjusted Census Urban Boundary Update process.

Sincerely,



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