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AGENDA ITEM 8

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

TYPE OF ITEM: Information

A status report on the activities of the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) will be provided including information, provided as ***Attachment 1***, related to the agency's federal certification.


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Dear Commissioner Matlow:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are in receipt of the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) e-mails, dated July 29, 2021, September 30, 2021, and December 10, 2021 to satisfy the two corrective actions of the Tallahassee Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification Report. The July 29, 2021 message provided a detailed action plan to remedy the corrective actions. The September 30, 2021 and December 10, 2021 messages summarized the actions taken by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to satisfy the corrective actions. The corrective actions and the actions taken by the MPO are outlined below:

1. **Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint:** In reviewing the LRTP adopted in November 2020, the Federal Review Team noted a number of critical deficiencies in the document related to fiscal constraint which did not comply with 23 CFR 450.324. Initial observations were conveyed at the site visit and written federal review comments provided to the CRTPA on April 4, 2021. These critical comments included the need for a financial plan that explains how the LRTP can be implemented for the entire planning timeframe, addressing the entire multimodal transportation system network with all revenues and costs consistently identified. **The CRTPA must develop an action plan by July 30, 2021 to demonstrate how the LRTP will be brought into compliance with federal requirements with action time frames agreeable to the federal agencies and implemented accordingly.**

The CRPTA developed the action plan by the corrective action deadline. They also revised the Cost Feasible Plan (CFP) to include projects for years 2021-2025 with costs by Year of Expenditure phase and funding source. The full CFP table, which the CRTPA moved from the Appendix into the Summary Report, now includes all years for the Resource Management Plan (RMP): 2021 to 2045. This CFP table on page 5-1 provides summary information to show fiscal constraint by Tier: Tier 1 (2021-2025); Tier 2 (2026-2030); Tier 3 (2031-2035); and Tier 4 (2035-2045). The CRTPA prefaced the CFP table with an overview of revenue assumptions, cost estimates, and financial strategies.

In addition, the CRTPA added new prior year costs for applicable projects to the CFP table and the agency now uses this cost data + RMP costs to better reflect project total cost.

- 2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):** In accordance with 23 CFR 450.326(a),(h), and (i) and as emphasized by the 2012 and 2018 LRTP Expectations letters, each project or project phase included in the TIP must be consistent with the metropolitan transportation plan, and those that are not of an appropriate scale for individual identification may be grouped. **The CRTPA must revise the TIP and/or LRTP by September 30, 2021 to demonstrate that the TIP projects are consistent with the LRTP.**

The CRTPA revised the CFP in the RMP to include projects for years 2021-2025. These projects include costs by Year of Expenditure, phase, and funding source. The CFP table in CRTPA's RMP now includes years 2021 to 2045 which demonstrates that the TIP projects are consistent with the LRTP.

Based on the review of the submitted documentation, FHWA and FTA have determined that the changes and information provided satisfy the requirements of the two corrective actions. The FHWA and FTA jointly certify that the transportation planning process of the Tallahassee TMA substantially meets the federal planning requirements in 23 CFR 450, Subpart C. The CRTPA has successfully addressed the two corrective actions from the June 2020 Certification Report. This certification will remain in effect until **June 2025**.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Carlos A. Gonzalez by phone at (850) 553-2221 or by email at Carlos.A.Gonzalez@dot.gov.

Sincerely,



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