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Ms. Kristina Egan, Executive Director  
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970 Baxter Boulevard, Suite 201  
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**Subject: Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System (PACTS) Planning Certification and Report**

Dear Ms. Egan:

This letter is in follow-up to our June 21, 2020 letter in which the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) jointly certified the planning process for the Portland, Maine Transportation Management Area (TMA). This letter reaffirms our certification based on the findings from the Federal Certification Review conducted on June 23 and 25, 2020.

The overall conclusion of the Certification Review is that the planning process for the Portland TMA complies with the spirit and intent of Federal metropolitan transportation planning laws and regulations under 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303. The planning process in the Portland TMA is a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive process and reflects a significant professional commitment to deliver quality in transportation planning.

We would like to thank GPCOG's staff for their time and assistance in planning and conducting the review. Enclosed is a report that documents the results of this review and offers various recommendations and commendations summarized in the executive summary for continuing quality improvements and enhancements to the planning process. The Certification Review Team also noted some noteworthy practices. This report has been transmitted concurrently to the MPO, MaineDOT, and public transportation operators.

If you have any questions regarding the Certification Review process, the Certification action, and/or the enclosed report, please direct them to either Mr. Carlos Pena, with the FHWA Maine Division, at (207) 512-4914 or Ms. Leah Sirmin with the FTA Region 1, at (617) 494-2459.

Sincerely,

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