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Dear Metropolitan Planning Organization:

Since enactment of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-5) (Recovery Act), the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has performed vigorous oversight to ensure that the funds provided are invested quickly, efficiently, and in harmony with the job-creating purposes of the Recovery Act. The Committee reviewed the reports submitted in July and is encouraged by the work of many States, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and public transit agencies to deliver transportation and infrastructure projects and create urgently needed employment in the tight timeframes set forth in the Recovery Act.

Some States and MPOs have raised questions about whether the Committee requires reporting in August. To clarify, we request that MPOs coordinate with their Governor's office to ensure the Governor provides updated specific transparency and accountability information about funds suballocated to your MPO by **August 20, 2009**. Data in this report should include cumulative information regarding what has occurred as of July 31, 2009. MPOs should not directly report to the Committee.

This letter supplements the letter that I sent on July 20, 2009, in which I requested updated specific transparency and accountability information by September 20, 2009, and November 20, 2009 (data in these reports should include cumulative information regarding what has occurred as of August 31, 2009, and October 31, 2009, respectively).

If you have any questions regarding this request, please have your staff visit our website or contact Joseph Wender, Counsel to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, at (202) 225-4472 or Joseph.Wender@mail.house.gov.

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Thank you for your efforts to create and sustain family-wage jobs, contribute to our nation's long-term economic growth, and help the United States recover from the worst recession since the Great Depression.

Sincerely,



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Chairman