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Ed Idzorek  
Director, Office of Transportation System Management  
Minnesota Department of Transportation  
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RE: Approval of 2023 Unified Planning Work Programs for the Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization and the Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization

Dear Mr. Idzorek:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) reviewed the calendar year 2023 Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWPs) for:

- Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization – adopted September 1, 2022
- Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization – adopted August 11, 2022

Each UPWP satisfies the requirements of 23 United States Code (USC) Section 134, 49 USC Section 5303, 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 420 and 450, and 2 CFR Part 200. The UPWPs identify and outline transportation planning activities for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The UPWPs indicate in sufficient detail who will perform the work, the schedule for completing the work, the resulting work products, the proposed funding by activity/task, and a summary of the amounts and sources of federal and matching funding.

The UPWPs are approved. Should you have any questions regarding this UPWP approval, please contact Bobbi Retzlaff, FHWA Community Planner at (651) 291-6125, or Bill Wheeler, FTA Community Planner at (312) 353-2639.

Sincerely,

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