

**Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Advisory Committee
Action Request**

Meeting Date: February 16, 2017 **Agenda Item Number:** 7

Action Requested: Review of the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO, 2016 Federal Certification Review.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION: **Attachments:** Yes _____ No X

Pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 134(i)(5) and 49 U.S.C. 1607, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) must certify jointly the metropolitan transportation planning process in Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) at least once every four years. The review consisted of a desk review, an on-site review that was conducted Tuesday, November 15, 2016, and a public comment meeting held between 5:00 and 7:00p.m. The last certification review was conducted on November 2012, and the Report is dated January 30, 2013.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) determined that the transportation planning process of the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO substantially meets Federal requirements and jointly certify the planning process. The review identified one commendation and five recommendations.

Commendations:

- The MPO is commended for its extensive use of public involvement techniques.

Recommendations:

- It is recommended that the MPO incorporate the two newest planning factors into the next MTP update.
- It is recommended that the MPO develop plans and a timetable for expanding incorporation of performance measures into the overall planning process.
- It is recommended that operators of freight be invited to join the TCC.
- It is recommended that the MPO work to more fully involve the freight community in the planning process.
- It is recommended that the MPO update their CMP prior to the next certification review, and time the update such that it can incorporate the applicable performance measures published in the final rule.