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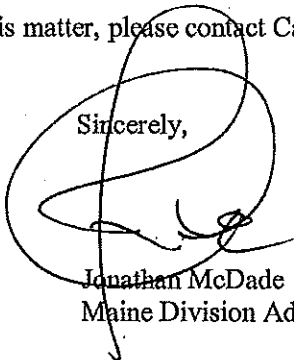
Dear Commissioner Bernhardt:

Your letter, dated May 16, 2011, requested approval of the re-adoption of "Connecting Maine", the current Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2008 – 2030 (July 2010), extending the planning horizon to 2035. We concur with your request. In accordance with 23 CFR 450.322, the State of Maine LRTP is in compliance with the Federal Highway Administration's regulations and statutory requirements. Although the regulations require the plan to be updated every five years for attainment areas and four years for non-attainment/ maintenance areas, we understand that the plan will be reviewed and updated to confirm its validity, consistency with current/forecasted transportation and land use conditions and trends within the five-year time frame. This update will begin once the U.S Census Bureau releases the 2010 Census demographics and Congress authorizes a new transportation bill.

Compliance with 23 CFR 450.322 (a), allows the State of Maine to adjust and amend the LRTP and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, as necessary, to maintain financial constraint and a Program of Projects that supports the development of an integrated multimodal transportation system as identified in "Connecting Maine".

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Carlos Pena, Maine Division Planner, at 207-622-8350, Ext. 117.

Sincerely,

  
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