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SUBJECT: NPRM on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning

PROGRAM AREA: Planning

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The purpose of this message is to inform you that the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on statewide and metropolitan transportation planning and programming and congestion management processes was published on June 9, 2006 in the Federal Register. A link to the NPRM is below:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/06-5145.pdf>

The NPRM reflects the recent enactment of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), as well as incorporates changes initiated in its predecessor legislation, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding all facets of this proposed NPRM. Comments must be received on or before **September 7, 2006**. Mail or hand deliver comments to the U. S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590, submit electronically at <http://dms.dot.gov> or fax comments to (202) 493-2251. Alternatively, comments may be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Planning is underway to hold a series of listening sessions to solicit additional input. Locations and dates will be published in the Federal Register.

In addition, the link below provides the most recent information / guidance on the implications of the July 1, 2007 deadline for implementing the new SAFETEA-LU planning provisions. This guidance, issued on May 2, 2006, clarifies previous guidance and increases the flexibility for achieving SAFETEA-LU compliance by the July 2007 date. <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/plandeadline.htm>.

For additional information on the NPRM and/or guidance for meeting the July 2007 deadline, please feel free to contact Ned Conroy, Community Planner, FTA Region 10 at (206) 220-4318.

Sincerely,

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