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Dear Mr. Toth:

This is in response to your submittal of adjusted 2010 Census urban / urbanized area boundaries (also referred to as "adjusted urban area boundaries" or "ACUB"), per your letter of September 5, 2013. This adjustment is permitted per Title 23 USC 101 (a) (36)-(37).

We appreciate the extensive documentation provided. In particular, the explanation of the steps taken in facilitating the cooperation required for this significant task is greatly appreciated. In addition, the GIS capabilities of MDOT staff have clearly been of great benefit in this map-intensive process.

We approve the adjustments to the urban / urbanized area boundaries. The adjusted boundaries will serve to distinguish between urban and rural Federal-aid highways. As a follow-up, we will work with you to facilitate getting the needed GIS information to our FHWA headquarters staff and also request that MDOT provide our office with final maps of the adjusted boundaries. If you have any questions, please contact me at Andy.Pickard@dot.gov or at (517) 702-1827.

Sincerely,

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