

The Urban Area/NFC Post-2010 Census Statewide Review

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Current Transportation Legislation
has been extended seven times
since expiring in Sept 2009, current
extension expires in March 2012.

We expect it will be extended again, at some point it
will be eclipsed when new legislation is passed.

Legislation & Guidance*

- 23 USC Chapter 1 – Federal-Aid Highways Sec 101(a)
- (36) Urban area. - The term "urban area" means an urbanized area or, in the case of an urbanized area encompassing more than one State, that part of the urbanized area in each such State, or urban place as designated by the Bureau of the Census having a population of 5,000 or more and not within any urbanized area, within boundaries to be fixed by responsible State and local officials in cooperation with each other, subject to approval by the Secretary. Such boundaries shall encompass, at a minimum, the entire urban place designated by the Bureau of the Census, except in the case of cities in the State of Maine and in the State of New Hampshire.
- <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/legsregs/directives/fapq/g406300.htm>
- <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/ohpi/hpms/fchguidance.cfm>
- *Subject to change, additional guidance expected spring of 2012 from FHWA

Urban/Rural

- Census statistics and reporting to FHWA in the yearly Highway Performance Monitoring Report (HPMS)
- Act 51 County formula
- Eligibility for High Risk Rural Road and Category F funds
- Used for determining spacing of federal-aid eligible roads (current guidelines)

Information

- http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/census_issues/urbanized_areas_and_mpo_tma/
 - “reasonable implementation strategy” rather than statutory provisions directly’
- State is a fair broker for a uniform method.
- Adjusted Urban Areas approved by FHWA are called Adjusted Census Urban Boundaries (ACUB) by state, used to be called FAUB.

Formats

- Web page for **viewing** purposes being developed. Including aerial imagery of 1998 and best mosaic from the Michigan Imagery Solution (MIS), current adjusted urban areas, 2010 urban areas, 2010 census blocks and base map.
- Paper maps or I can supply ESRI or Caliper files to those with GIS. (ESRI files are compatible with RoadSoft)

Expectations

- <http://www.edthefed.com/uza.html> look for the Michigan Information.
- Predicting similar process and assuming similar guidelines.
- Not expecting large changes.

Questions?