



**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Dear Metropolitan Planning Organization:

Since enactment of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-5) (Recovery Act), the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has performed vigorous oversight to ensure that the funds provided are invested quickly, efficiently, and in harmony with the job-creating purposes of the Recovery Act. The Committee regularly reviews the submitted reports and has seen how many States, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and public transit agencies continue to deliver transportation and infrastructure projects and create urgently needed employment in the tight timeframes set forth in the Recovery Act.

Some States and MPOs have raised questions about when the Committee requires reporting during the remainder of this year. To clarify, we request that MPOs coordinate with their Governor's office to ensure the Governor provides updated specific transparency and accountability information about funds suballocated to your MPO by **October 20, 2009**, **November 20, 2009**, and **December 20, 2009**. Data in these reports should include cumulative information regarding what has occurred as of September 30, 2009, October 31, 2009, and November 30, 2009, respectively.<sup>1</sup> MPOs should not directly report to the Committee.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please have your staff visit our website or contact Joseph Wender, Counsel to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, at (202) 225-4472 or [Joseph.Wender@mail.house.gov](mailto:Joseph.Wender@mail.house.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> This letter supplements the letter that I sent on July 20, 2009, in which I requested updated specific transparency and accountability information by November 20, 2009.

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Thank you for your efforts to create and sustain family-wage jobs, contribute to our nation's long-term economic growth, and help the United States recover from the worst recession since the Great Depression.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Oberstar". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James L. Oberstar, M.C.  
Chairman