UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

CADDO - BOSSIER
METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA

FISCAL YEAR 2007

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July 1, 2006

Mr. Johnny Bradberry, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
PO Box 94245
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9245

Dear Secretary Bradberry:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Fiscal Year 2007 Unified Planning Work Program for the Shreveport-Bossier Metropolitan Planning Organization. This document represents the annual planning elements for the metropolitan area as required by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

This UPWP represents the planning priorities established by the Council of Governments, the MPO, ReGIS, and the staff of NLCOG. Key projects for the year include:

- To coordinate and develop a series of seminars/workshops on Transportation Project Funding, Financing & Development for local officials and decision makers;
- Monitoring and maintaining the Transportation Plan and Model;
- Development of Stage 0 Environmental Studies for selected projects within our Transportation Plan;
- Development of a Transit Development Plan to provide a broader vision and analysis of transit and transportation services in the region;
- Development of a regional data-sharing network linking public entities in Northwest Louisiana;
- Phase II post-demolition environmental assessments and cleanup planning for properties within the InterTech Science Park area;
- Develop an effective, aggressive public involvement / Community Outreach program;

Should the Department have any questions or concerns regarding this UPWP or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. J. Kent Rogers, Executive Director of NLCOG at (318) 673-5950.

Sincerely,

Chairman
Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments
Planning Prospectus

The Unified Planning Work Program for fiscal year 2007 is directed towards meeting the evolving requirements set forth in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), and the impacts on regional planning. SAFETEA-LU addresses the many challenges facing our transportation system today – challenges such as improving safety, reducing traffic congestion, improving efficiency in freight movement, increasing intermodal connectivity, and protecting the environment – as well as laying the groundwork for addressing future challenges. SAFETEA-LU promotes more efficient and effective transportation programs by focusing on transportation issues of national significance, while giving State and local transportation decision makers more flexibility for solving transportation problems in their communities.

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) focused on developing regional solutions to transportation problems. In order to meet these demands NLCOG has established close cooperation between all to insure that the growth and development of the entire metropolitan area is well planned and coordinated to provide the most desirable living environment for the citizens of Northwest Louisiana. A properly developed regional comprehensive plan, implemented and sustained, will deliver a metropolitan area that is and can be developed in an orderly manner and is consistent with the public values and goals.

Efforts will continue this year in examining regional transit mobility issues particularly in regard to job access and extended service hours within the urban area. NLCOG will also initiate an update to the Transit Development Program for the area. The intent of this study is to provide a broader vision and analysis of transit and transportation services in the region. In addition, NLCOG will continue monitoring the development of the LSU Health Science Center Intermodal facility, and the potential new Intermodal facility incorporating Greyhound service center, local taxi services and SPORTRAN service.

Transportation equity, environmental justice and air quality are issues, which SAFETEA-LU, The 1990 Clean Air Act and Executive Order 12898 have placed upon the planning process. In order to address these issues NLCOG will continue with its Environmental Planning element. In addition, NLCOG will begin its Brownfields Program with the assistance of an EPA grant for Phase II assessments. This program will examine two properties within the InterTech Science Park. NLCOG will also monitor and assist in the development of those corridors in our area designated as High Priority Corridors in our recent Long Range Plan update and/or those projects receiving Congressional earmarks and designations.

A major part of NLCOG’s daily operations and support for its planning process is the development of ReGIS (Regional Geographic Information System). This coordinated effort will ensure that data sharing efforts are increased and compatible formats are used in the development and use of information systems. NLCOG will continue to assist in the management of regional GIS efforts and to coordinate the development of GIS systems of the member government's/agencies and to provide technical support for the development of GIS and database developments. In order to assist in the use of GIS data NLCOG will continue the development
of custom user applications. This includes user Interfaces, network development, and Census Data Inter/Intra net Application. In addition, NLCOG will work towards the development of a regional data-sharing network between public entities. NLCOG will provide or sponsor training in the use of ESRI’s ArcGIS software, Intranet web applications, Internet web applications, data access, and Meta data development.

Public participation in the planning process and public access to data have become major elements in the federal certification process. The dissemination of information and the participation of citizens in government will increase the integrity in local government agencies and ultimately enhance the livability of our community. A wide variety of strategies will be assessed and revised formal public involvement procedures will be developed. Different strategies may be employed for different projects and activities, depending on specific project needs, available time, and project budgets. In support of this NLCOG is continuing to develop an Information Center. User-friendly Internet web sites, development of custom data applications and training in the use of GIS and Transportation Programs will be the focus of the Information Center.
SAFETEA-LU Planning Factors

SAFETEA-LU strengthened the responsibility of the MPO in preparing and maintaining the long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program and the Unified Planning Work Program. This work program represents a continuation of the strategic planning process begun in previous years. The focus continues to be on maintaining, improving, and utilizing the information resources in the day-to-day transportation decision-making process. In addition the planning process will provide for consideration of projects and strategies that will

- Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency
- Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
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- Increase the accessibility and mobility options available to people and for freight;
- Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, and improve state/local planned growth and economic development patterns;
- Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
- Promote efficient system management and operation;
- Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
Unified Planning Work Program

Objective
To discuss the planning programs priorities facing the metropolitan planning area and describe all metropolitan planning, transportation and transportation related air quality planning activities in accordance with the requirements of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and the mission and goals of NLCOG.

Element A - Data Access And Training Programs:
  Data Development and Distribution
  GIS Software and Data
  Regional Data Sharing Network

Element B - Metropolitan Planning Programs:
  Transit Development Programs
  Regional Job Access/Night Owl Service
  Regional Transportation Plan
  Transportation Management Systems
  Project SB

Element C - GIS Programs:
  ReGIS Administration
  Basemap Maintenance
  Application Development
  GPS Base Station Management
  Mapping Assistance

Element D - Environmental Programs:
  Brownfields Assessment
  High Priority Corridor Development
  Environmental Studies

Element E – Public Involvement and Outreach
  Public Involvement/Outreach
  Environmental Justice & Title VI Review
  Website Development and Maintenance

Element F - Administrative Programs:
  UPWP Administration
  TIP Administration
  Accounting and Grant Administration
Element A Data Access and Training Programs

Objective
NLCOG’s support of the Livable Communities Initiative is in providing the best in public access to government as possible. The dissemination of information and the participation of citizens in government will ultimately enhance the livability of our community. In support of these efforts NLCOG will continue maintaining an Information Center for the monitoring and updating of planning information and to provide training in the use of such data.

Task A-1 Data Development and Distribution

NLCOG will continue maintaining an Information Center for the monitoring and updating of planning information. The information center will provide comprehensive “up-to-date” planning data and information and provide for the dissemination of 2000 Census Data and information.

In addition, NLCOG will continue to provide regional data to the public and member agencies upon request. These request include maps, tabular date, and reports of various types including but not limited to census data, transportation data, traffic data, and economic development information.

Task A-2 GIS Software and Data

NLCOG will provide or sponsor training in the use of ESRI’s ArcGIS software, Intranet web applications, Internet web applications, data access, and Meta data development. In addition NLCOG will develop a series of standardized large scale maps including but not limited to the Downtown Riverfront area; Urbanized area w/industrial parks, hospitals, schools, parks etc; Aerial maps, etc.

Task A-3 Northwest Louisiana Secure Data Exchange Network

NLCOG begin working towards the development of a regional data-sharing network linking public entities in Northwest Louisiana. NLCOG and it’s member agencies have actively been developing geographic information systems together and within themselves. The need for sharing much of this data between agencies has grown with the rapid development over the past few years. Northwest Louisiana Secure Data Exchange Network will provide support for activities that involve geospatial information and facilitates the electronic reporting, sharing, integration, analysis, and use of geospatial, environmental and transportation data from many different sources. The Secure Data Exchange Network will make it easier for cooperating agencies to obtain the timely, accurate information they need when making decisions concerning health safety and welfare of the citizens and the environment of Northwest Louisiana.
Element B Metropolitan Planning Programs

Objective
To implement, monitor and maintain the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the transportation model and the Transportation Management System Plan for Shreveport - Bossier City. To continue coordinated Public Transit Planning and Management for the Shreveport Bossier City Metropolitan area.

Task B-1 Transit Development Programs

NLCOG in coordination with SporTran will begin to examine the different aspects of a traditional Transit Development Program and issues related to Transit Services in Northwest Louisiana. Individual focus items include but are not limited to the following

- To inventory transit and transportation services in the area and to determine future needs
- To establish local goals and objectives for transit providers
- To critically evaluate the adequacy of the existing services
- To propose programs and alternative to improve service and increase efficiency
- Maximize the existing and future resources to provide a comprehensive system; covering as much geographic area as is possible and minimizing headway between stops.

Task B-2 Regional Job Access / Night Owl Service

The purpose of this project is to implement the recommendations of the Regional Job Access – Extended Service Transportation Strategic Plan for the Shreveport – Bossier City region and to monitor the services provided under this implementation. The first of these efforts is the implementation of Night Owl Service. NLCOG will monitor the performance of this service throughout its pilot period and make recommendations based on the analysis of the use and need for services.

Task B-4 Regional Transportation Plan

NLCOG recently adopted a new transportation plan for Caddo and Bossier Parishes. With the impending passage of new federal legislation and continued implementation of projects during the planning process, NLCOG will review and update the plan to meet new guidelines and funding levels.

Task B-5 Transportation Management Systems

NLCOG will continue to implement, update and revise the Intelligent Transportation Systems Plan, the Congestion Management Systems Plan and the Traffic Incident Management Systems Plan for the Shreveport Bossier City area. Task will include travel time runs and traffic counts along selected corridors, evaluation of implemented projects and to continue to foster support and development of a regional centralized traffic control center and integration of ITS technologies in infrastructure improvements.

Task B-6 Project SB

The Urban Land Institute in their presentation of Project SB – The Red River Communities talked at length about building bridges and leveling the playing field will be key to the future of the region both figuratively and literally. NLCOG will work to coordinate or participate in most of the initiative outlined in Project SB including but not limited to, the Pedestrian Bridge, Regional Master Planning, and Leadership development.

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Element C Geographic Information Systems

Objective
To promote regional compatibility in geographic information systems processes, procedures, and products among the NLCOG member agencies, state and federal sponsors, and local jurisdictions in Northwest Louisiana.

Task C-1 ReGIS Administration
To continue maintaining and developing a regional geographic information. To assist in the management of regional GIS efforts and to coordinate the development of GIS systems of the member government's/agencies.

Task C-2 Basemap Maintenance
To continue to update and expand the project basemap based on new photography this includes building features, hydrology features, transportation features, etc. To review and update of quasi-political boundaries such as neighborhoods, school attendance zones, Delphi Planning zones, etc.

Task C-3 Application Development
To continue the development of custom user applications for access to GIS, Census and planning data. This includes user Interfaces, network development, and Census Data Inter/Intra net Application. In addition, NLCOG will work towards the development of a regional data-sharing network between public entities as described in Task A-3.

Task C-4 GPS Base Station Management
NLCOG will continue to maintain the GPS Community Base Station and to provide scheduling and management of GPS data collection efforts utilizing COG GPS equipment. In addition, NLCOG will maintain the FCC license for GPS Real-Time Data Broadcasting.

Task C-5 Mapping Assistance
NLCOG will provide mapping assistance to the small municipalities and our member agencies in the development of a true regional gis. This assistance will include providing technical support for the development of GIS and database developments. Task to include researching and/or development of techniques for data development, actual data development and general mapping assistance.
Element D Environmental Programs

Objective
NLCOG will continue to address transportation equity; environmental justice and air quality are issues, which TEA-21, the 1990 Clean Air Act and Executive Order 12898 have placed upon the planning process. To NLCOG will also monitor and assist in the development of those corridors in our area Congressionally designated as High Priority Corridors and/or those projects receiving Congressional earmarks.

Task D-1 EPA Brownfield’s Assessment
The EPA recently selected NLCOG for a Brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct community outreach activities and perform Phase II post-demolition environmental assessments and cleanup planning for two properties with in the InterTech Science Park area. The InterTech master plan was previously developed under a TCSP grant from FHWA. This task will include a Phase II Assessment of Wilson Foods Property, a Phase II Assessment of Modern Iron Works Property, the development of a Quality Management Plan, and the development of a Quality Assurance Project Plan for the two properties.

Task D-2 High Priority Corridor Development
Provide information to the public and member agencies on those projects that receive congressional designation and/or earmarks and those projects noted as high priority in the Long Range Transportation Plan. To assist in project development of these projects and to seek out measures for funding project implementation.

Task D-3 Environmental Studies
To develop Stage 0 Environmental Studies for projects identified in the Long Range Plan. Specific focus will be given to those projects identified and/or earmarked in the Federal Transportation Reauthorization Bill. In addition NLCOG will coordinate and/or contract for Stage 1 Environmental Studies including Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements.
Element E Public Involvement and Outreach

Objective
The purpose of this element is to promote the involvement of Citizen’s groups, business organization’s, minority groups, the public at large in the policy planning process.

Task E-1 Public Involvement and Outreach
The purpose of this task is to develop an effective, aggressive public involvement / Community Outreach program to promote the involvement of Citizen’s groups, business organization’s, minority groups, the public at large in the transportation policy planning process. A particular emphasis will be placed on the development of a “Citizen’s Guide to the Transportation Decision Making Process”. Additional projects include the development of a Northwest Louisiana Regional Information Booklet providing a variety of information to the residence of the area including various maps, community demographics, community facts and details.

Task E-2 Environmental Justice & Title VI Review
Review Title VI programs in adherence with Certification Review
Inclusion of minorities in the planning process and documentation of such.
Review new Transportation Plan Projects and TIP projects for Environmental Justice

Task E-3 Website Development and Maintenance
NLCOG’s support of the Livable Communities Initiative is in providing the best in public access to government as possible. The dissemination of information and the participation of citizens in government will ultimately enhance the livability of our community. In support of these efforts, NLCOG will continue to update and maintain WWW.NLCOG.ORG and WWW.NWLAinfo.com our user-friendly interactive web sites.
Element F Administrative Programs

**Objective**
Provide for inter-agency cooperation and coordination of the planning process; provide for the overall management of NLCOG and development of the staff in carrying out the work program. Included in this effort will be the coordination of the technical coordinating committee and policy committee activities, and coordination with DOTD, FHWA, FTA, EPA, and other governmental agencies.

**Task F-1 UPWP Administration**
This task includes development of annual report reviewing of previous year work program, implementation of Fiscal Year 2007 Work Program and development of Fiscal Year 2008 Work Program.

**Task F-2 TIP Administration**
This task includes the continual refinement and update to the Financial Plan of projects for the region and to continue to coordinate and advance implementation of the region’s TIP. This includes the development of annual elements for the Transportation Improvement Program, project development for inclusion in future year TIP, monitoring projects within Northwest Louisiana and to provide for inter-agency cooperation and coordination for project development.

**Task F-3 Accounting and Grant Administration**
This task provides for the Administration of the budget and grants of the Fiscal Year 2007 Work Program, the financial audit of Fiscal Year 2006 Work Program and Budget and the development of Grant Applications as needed for work program implementation. Also included in this task are the preparation and dissemination of monthly, quarterly, and annual progress reports.
## Itemized Budget of Income and Expenses

**Objective**
To outline the anticipated income and expenses for administering and implementing the Fiscal Year 2007 Unified Planning Work Program

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NLCOG FY 2007 UPWP
## Detailed Expenses

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee

At a meeting of the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG) Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee (MPO) held on July 26, 2006 pursuant to due notice, a quorum being present, the following resolution was duly adopted:

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee (MPO) has reviewed the projects and elements within the UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM for the CADDO BOSSIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA, FISCAL YEAR 2007; and.

WHEREAS, The MPO has determined that the requirements of the Urban Transportation Planning process are being carried out utilizing the “3-C Planning Process” (continuous, comprehensive and coordinated); and

WHEREAS, The MPO has determined that the UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM for the CADDO BOSSIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA, FISCAL YEAR 2007 was developed in accordance with the requirements of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) BE IT RESOLVED, That the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee (MPO) does hereby approve and adopt the UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM for the CADDO BOSSIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA, FISCAL YEAR 2007 and directs the staff of the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments to submit said program to the appropriate federal state and local agencies and to comply with any minor revisions necessary to facilitate submission and adoption requirements including all resolutions, certifications and assurances.

CERTIFICATION

I, J. Kent Rogers, Secretary to the Council of Governments, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted at a regular meeting of said Committee on July 26, 2006.

Shreveport, Louisiana, this 26th day of July 2006

J. Kent Rogers, Secretary
Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments
Public Notice

CADDO BOSSIER METROPOLITAN AREA
UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
FISCAL YEARS 2007

The Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments, the local Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is submitting for Public Review and Comment the **UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) for the CADDO BOSSIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA, FISCAL YEAR 2007**. In order to meet the requirements of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) this document is now available for review and comment. Interested citizens may view the document at the following locations:

Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments
401 Market St., Suite 460
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101
http://www.nlco.org
http://www.NWLAinfo.com

For further locations, contact NLCOG at 318-841-5950. Any questions, comments or suggestions concerning the UPWP should be directed to the office of the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments, 509 Market Street, Suite 1000, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, Attention J. Kent Rogers or by e-mail at nlco@nlco.org

-End-
RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE
NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee

At a meeting of the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG) Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee (MPO) held on July 26, 2006 pursuant to due notice, a quorum being present, the following resolution was duly adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that J. Kent Rogers, Executive Director of the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments, be authorized to execute a contract between NLCOG and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for Metropolitan Planning (FHWA) in the amount of $499,039 in federal funds for Fiscal Year 2007.

CERTIFICATION

I, J. Kent Rogers, Secretary to the Council of Governments, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted at a regular meeting of said Committee on July 26, 2006

Shreveport, Louisiana, this 26th day of July 2006

J. Kent Rogers, Secretary
Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments
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BE IT RESOLVED that J. Kent Rogers, Executive Director of the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments, be authorized to execute a contract between NLCOG and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for Metropolitan Planning (FTA) in the amount of $63,105 in federal funds for Fiscal Year 2006

CERTIFICATION

I, J. Kent Rogers, Secretary to the Council of Governments, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted at a regular meeting of said Committee on July 26, 2006.

Shreveport, Louisiana, this 26th day of July 2006

J. Kent Rogers, Secretary
Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments
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BE IT RESOLVED that J. Kent Rogers, Executive Director of the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments be authorized to execute all contracts pursuant to completion of those programs and projects for completion of the Fiscal Year 2006 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget as adopted.

CERTIFICATION

I, William R. Altimus, Chairman of the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted at a regular meeting of said Committees on July 26, 2006.

Shreveport, Louisiana, this 26th day of July 2006

Chairman
Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2007 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Name of Applicant: Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments

The Applicant agrees to comply with applicable requirements of Categories 01 - 16.  X
(The Applicant may make this selection in lieu of individual selections below.)

OR

The Applicant agrees to comply with the applicable requirements of the following Categories it has selected:

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(Both sides of this Signature Page must be appropriately completed and signed as indicated.)
AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT

Name of Applicant: Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments

Name and Relationship of Authorized Representative: J. Kent Rogers, Executive Director

BY SIGNING BELOW, on behalf of the Applicant, I declare that the Applicant has duly authorized me to make these certifications and assurances and bind the Applicant's compliance. Thus, the Applicant agrees to comply with all Federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, and Federal requirements applicable to each application it makes to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in Federal Fiscal Year 2006.

FTA intends that the certifications and assurances the Applicant selects on the other side of this document, as representative of the certifications and assurances in Appendix A, should apply, as required, to each project for which the Applicant seeks now, or may later, seek FTA assistance during Federal Fiscal Year 2006.

The Applicant affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of the certifications and assurances it has made in the statements submitted herein with this document and any other submission made to FTA, and acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, 31 U.S.C. 3801 et seq., as implemented by U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR part 31 apply to any certification, assurance or submission made to FTA. The criminal fraud provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 apply to any certification, assurance, or submission made in connection with the Urbanized Area Formula Program, 49 U.S.C. 5307, and may apply to any other certification, assurance, or submission made in connection with any other program administered by FTA.

In signing this document, I declare under penalties of perjury that the foregoing certifications and assurances, and any other statements made by me on behalf of the Applicant are true and correct.

Signature____________________________________________________________      Date: ______________
Name __ J. Kent Rogers, Executive Director ____________________________
Authorized Representative of Applicant

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

For (Name of Applicant): Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments

As the undersigned Attorney for the above named Applicant, I hereby affirm to the Applicant that it has authority under state and local law to make and comply with the certifications and assurances as indicated on the foregoing pages. I further affirm that, in my opinion, the certifications and assurances have been legally made and constitute legal and binding obligations on the Applicant.

I further affirm to the Applicant that, to the best of my knowledge, there is no legislation or litigation pending or imminent that might adversely affect the validity of these certifications and assurances, or of the performance of the project.

Signature____________________________________________________________      Date: ______________
Name __________________________________________________________________________
Attorney for Applicant

Each Applicant for FTA financial assistance (except 49 U.S.C. 5312(b) assistance) and each FTA Grantee with an active capital or formula project must provide an Affirmation of Applicant’s Attorney pertaining to the Applicant’s legal capacity. The Applicant may enter its signature in lieu of the Attorney’s signature, provided the Applicant has on file this Affirmation, signed by the attorney and dated this Federal fiscal year.

NLCOG FY 2007 UPWP
Joint Certification of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

The **Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments** hereby certifies that the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues facing the **Shreveport – Bossier City** urbanized area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

1. Section 134 of Title 23, U.S.C., section 8 of the Federal Transit act (49 U.S.C., epp 1067) and Part 450 of 23 CIR;

2. Section 174 and 175© and (d); of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d));


4. Section 1003 (b) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (Pub. L 102-240) regarding the involvement of disadvantage business enterprised in the FHWA and the FTA funded planning projects (sec. 105 (f), Pub. L. 97-424, 96 Stat, 2100; 49 CFR Part 23); and

5. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, as amended) and U.S. DOT regulations “Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities” (49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38)

Johnny B. Bradberry, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development

J. Kent Rogers, Executive Director
Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments

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