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The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
400 7th Street SW
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am writing to you in reference to the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Commission, which you chair. As the Executive Director of the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), it is my pleasure to represent hundreds of regional agencies, including Councils of Government (COGs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).

I hope that you, the other Commissioners, and the professional staff will consider the important role of MPOs as you move forward with the Commission's activities. MPOs play a vital role in the country's transportation planning system. MPOs are responsible for planning and programming about 40% of the country's road infrastructure. Further, many serve as transit agencies, paratransit providers, safety educators, and goods movement planners.

NARC wants to assist the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Commission in their study and analysis of the transportation system. I would be honored to speak before the Commission on this topic. NARC also stands ready to assist you in identifying subject-area experts from the MPO community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can assist the Commission in any way.

Sincerely,

Cameron Moore
Executive Director
National Association of Regional Councils

Cc: Quentin C. Kendall, Executive Director, National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Commission