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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 18, 2014

FROM: MPO Staff

TO: Members of the NATS and TwinCATS TAC and Policy Committees

SUBJECT: Proposed Changes to the MPO Public Participation Plan, September 2014

One item being updated in the public participation plan (originally approved in 2011) is contact information for SWMPC and its staff. These updates have been made throughout the document.

Secondly, we have been advised by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that language needs to be added to our MPO Participation Plan to bring our transit agencies (Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority, Buchanan Dial-A-Ride, Niles Dial-A-Ride, and Berrien Bus) into compliance with the public participation process mandated by FTA. In the absence of their own public participation processes, these agencies need to show that they are bound to

The following paragraph has been added to Page 8 of the draft amended version of the Public Participation Plan:

***The public participation process described herein is used to satisfy the public participation process for the Program of Projects (POP), as prescribed in accordance with Chapter 53 of Title 49, United States Code (FTA requirements), and the metropolitan and statewide planning regulations under MAP-21, for the following grantees: Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority, Berrien Bus, Niles Dial a Ride and Buchanan Dial a Ride.***

The amended draft version of the plan can be found at:

[http://www.swmpc.org/downloads/september\\_2014\\_review.pdf](http://www.swmpc.org/downloads/september_2014_review.pdf)

We will be asking for the TwinCATS MPO Committees and the NATS MPO Committees to approve the latest version of the Public Participation Plan at the joint MPO meeting on Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup>.