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Re: Fiscal Year 2023 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Triennial Review – Final Report

Dear Mr. Crowell:

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of this Federal Transit Administration (FTA) report as required by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 and other Federal requirements. The enclosed final report documents the FTA's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Triennial Review of the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments (AVCOG) in Auburn, Maine. Although not an audit, the Triennial Review is the FTA's assessment of AVCOG's compliance with Federal requirements, determined by examining a sample of award management and program implementation practices. As such, the Triennial Review is not intended as, nor does it constitute, a comprehensive and final review of compliance with award requirements.

Due to the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency, a virtual site visit was conducted for this Triennial Review. In addition, the review was expanded to address AVCOG's compliance with the administrative relief and flexibilities FTA granted and the requirements of the COVID-19 Relief funds received through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) of 2021, and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021.

The Triennial Review focused on AVCOG's compliance in 23 areas. Deficiencies were found in three areas: Maintenance, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) - General, and ADA - Complementary Paratransit. AVCOG had two repeat deficiencies from the Fiscal Year 2019 Triennial Review in the areas of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) - General, and ADA - Complementary Paratransit.

This year, FTA is implementing new procedures to close Civil Rights findings. Please see Section VII of the report for more information. The corrective actions to your ADA deficiencies must follow these procedures.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance during this Triennial Review. If you need any technical assistance or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Alex Hammond, General Engineer, at (617) 494-2304 or by email at alex.hammond@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure