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June 10, 2008

Mr. James J. Steele  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
315 West Allegan, Room 211  
Lansing, Michigan 48901

Dear Mr. Steele:

**Certification of the Public Hearing on the  
Draft Environmental Impact Statement and 4(f) Evaluation for the  
Detroit River International Crossing Study  
City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan**

This is to certify that public hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Detroit River International Crossing Study were held in accordance with federal and state public involvement/public hearing procedures. The public hearings took place from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at two locations in Southeast Michigan on March 18 and 19, 2008. There was a formal presentation at 6:30 p.m. followed by an opportunity for all to hear public comments and questions. Hearing dates and locations were:

March 18 at Southwestern High School, 6921 W. Fort Street, Detroit.  
March 19 at LA SED Gymnasium, 7150 W. Vernor, Detroit.

During the 90-day comment period, the study team received 10 letters from resource agencies; 6 letters from local government agencies; 1 letter from a social service agency; 7 letters from public schools and universities; 14 letters from advocacy groups and local organizations; 5 letters and comment forms from businesses; 9 letters from federal and state lawmakers; 18 e-mails, faxes, and mailed letters from the public; and 11 messages received via the study Web site. A total of 270 people attended the hearings, with 15 of them speaking publicly and 5 speaking in private to a court reporter. The Michigan Department of Transportation also received 15 comment forms and letters at the hearings.

Legal notices in English announcing the hearing were placed in the February 27, 2008, issue of The Michigan Chronicle; the February 28, 2008, issue of the Latino Press; the February 27 and March 12, 2008, issues of the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press; the March 1, 2008, issue of the Arab American News; the March 2, 2008, issues of the News-Herald Newspapers (Downriver); the March 9, 2008, issue of the Michigan Citizen; and the March 13, 2008, issue of the Ecorse Telegram News. Additionally, translated versions of the hearings notice were included in the March 13, 2008, issue of the Latino Press and the March 15, 2008, issue

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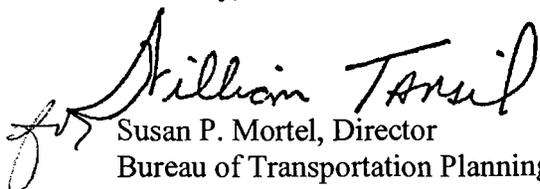
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of the Arab American News. Copies of the notices are included in the "Legal Notices/Brochures/Presentation" tab of this document. As mentioned in the notice, the initial deadline for comments was April 29, 2008. In response to requests, the Federal Highway Administration granted a 30-day extension to May 29, 2008.

The transcript from the hearing is enclosed for your review and record. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact me at (517) 373-0343 or Bob Parsons, Public Hearings Officer, at (517) 373-9534.

Sincerely,

  
Susan P. Mortel, Director  
Bureau of Transportation Planning

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Enclosure

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