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As a result of the 2010 Census, the urban boundary of the MPO has changed. Our urban population is now 88,542. This takes place as a result of population increase as well as changes in the criteria for urban areas. The new urban area, required to be a part of the MPO, now includes the City of Radford and a portion of Pulaski County, namely the Fairlawn Area.

We will have to make changes in several documents for this to occur. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State of Virginia will need to be revised to include the new localities. Then our Bylaws will need to be changed to reflect the changes in the MOU. After the new localities are added, we will need to revise the Study Area to include the new urbanized areas as well as any surrounding areas that may urbanize in the next 20 years. This will be a long process that will extend through the rest of the year and possibly into 2013.

This will be a topic of discussion at the May 3, 2012 Policy Board meeting. At that time, we will need to decide how to proceed. It is recommended that this be turned over to the TAC to review and make the necessary recommendations for the Policy Board to review and adopt.

Should there be questions, feel free to contact our Executive Director, Dan Brugh, who has been securing the information we need to proceed. I believe this will be a positive step for our MPO.

Sincerely,

Craig Meadows
Chairman