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SECRETARY

June 2, 2009

Mr. S. Ellis Hankins
North Carolina League of Municipalities
215 North Dawson Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Dear Mr. Hankins:

As you are aware, Governor Perdue and I have stressed the importance of having an open and honest government, and developing effective collaborations and partnerships. Please know that the Department is looking to support and further these ideas through the creation of a new Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Group.

The purpose of this group will be to identify opportunities for transportation stakeholders, local governments, and the Department to work more effectively together in the planning and implementing of long-range plans including land use and transportation. The envisioned goals of the group are as follows:

- To develop policies, processes, and tools, which supports the increased growth, and quality of life in North Carolina's many communities, while protecting the state's significant transportation infrastructure and investments.
- To enhance working relationships, communications, coordination, and collaboration between transportation stakeholders, local governments, and the Department.
- To research land use and transportation linkage efforts and best practices of other states to determine if North Carolina could benefit from similar practices and programs.

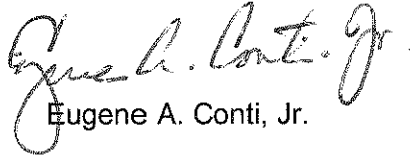
Please consider joining our team as a member of the Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Group Steering Committee. We would benefit significantly from your involvement and have developed a scope of work for the group, which will be focused, time limited, and outcome based. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2009, from 2:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. at 1 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, in the Transportation Board Room.

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Please contact Jim Westmoreland, Deputy Secretary for Transit, or Susan Coward, Deputy Secretary of Intergovernmental Affairs and Budget Coordination, at (919) 733-2520 to advise of your availability to participate or should you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. I look forward to working with you on this most important and very exciting new initiative.

Sincerely,



Eugene A. Conti, Jr.

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