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**Appendix G**  
**MPO Designation Agreement**

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STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.  
GOVERNOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization Points of  
Contact

FROM: Allan Rutter, <sup>CR</sup> Governor's Office of Budget and  
Planning

DATE: September 9, 1988

SUBJECT: Returned Copies of Signed MPO Designation  
Agreements

Enclosed you will find your copy of the signed agreement which designates your group as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for your urbanized area. Keep this in a safe place, since this will be the last time we have to perform this particular task.

I appreciate your patience and cooperation with this final iteration of the MPO redesignation process. Please continue to send me copies of MPO documents and products which you think would be of interest. Do not hesitate to contact me if you need to revise or change these agreements at any point in the future.

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ADMINISTRATION

AGREEMENT

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GOVERNOR'S BUDGET OFFICE

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

THIS AGREEMENT Made this 9th day of Sept., A.D., 1988, by and between the Office of the Governor, State of Texas, acting by and through the Office of Budget and Planning, Party of the First Part, and the HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL

\_\_\_\_\_, Party of the Second Part:

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 in Section 112 allocates planning funds to Metropolitan Planning Organizations to support the urban transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (in accordance with Section 112 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973) and the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (in accordance with Section 8 of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration Act of 1964, as amended) intend to fund the same designated metropolitan planning organization in each metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Aviation Administration intends to consider this agency for the receipt of airport system planning funds under Section 13 of the Airport and Airway Development Act of 1970 as amended; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the parties that urban transportation planning be integrated to the maximum extent possible with other areawide planning in the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the successful implementation of urban transportation planning requires the assistance and concurrence of all local governments in the metropolitan area.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed that the use of funds made available under Section 112 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 shall be governed by the organization and responsibilities as set out in the following paragraphs:

I. Organization

The HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL

shall be the Metropolitan Planning Organization for transportation planning in the HOUSTON/GALVESTON, TEXAS CITY, AND LA MARQUE urbanized area.

The Metropolitan Planning Organization shall:

- A. Develop or assist in the development of a multi-modal transportation planning process. Prepare a Unified Work Program which would specify the use of Section 112 funds or in those regions where a Unified Work Program is not required, prepare a plan for the use of these monies, and submit the Unified Work Program or plan for approval to the Committee established pursuant to Section 134 of Chapter 1 of Title 23 United States Code.
- B. Insure that transportation planning in the urbanized area is successful, coordinated, and integrated with other comprehensive planning in the State Planning Region.
- C. Use the Committee structure established pursuant to Section 134 of Chapter 1 of Title 23 U. S. C. as the group responsible for giving the Metropolitan Planning Organization overall transportation policy guidance.

II. Section 112 of the 1973 Federal-Aid Highway Act authorizes additional funds for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Section 134 of Chapter 1, of Title 23 U. S. C. Therefore, first consideration for the distribution of Section 112 funds will be given to planning efforts being conducted by cities, counties, and regional councils of governments who are assigned responsibility for basic elements of the urban Transportation Study Agreements established by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation pursuant to Section 134 of Chapter 1 of Title 23 U. S. C.

III. This agreement shall in no way establish any activity or process that would infringe upon or interfere with the statutory obligation of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

IV. The Metropolitan Planning Organization will contract with the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation for Section 112 Planning Funds. The expense involved in urban transportation planning will be assumed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization or agencies with which the Metropolitan Planning Organization has subcontracted to accomplish work identified in the approved Unified Work Program or plan for the use of Section 112 funds. Vouchers for completed work under the annual Unified Work Program or plan utilizing Section 112 funds will be audited and approved by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation according to federal and state requirements. Reimbursement will be made on a periodic basis.

V. This agreement may be renegotiated as necessary to meet changing conditions or terminated by either party upon 30 days notice.

VI. This agreement will remain in full force and effect until such time as the HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL is no longer the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization or unless terminated as provided in Item V above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have hereunto affixed their signatures on the dates indicated.

Party of the First Part  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
STATE OF TEXAS

Party of the Second Part

BY: H.P. Clements

BY: Jack Steele  
Jack Steele  
Executive Director

Date: September 9 1988

Date: August 24, 1988

RECOMMENDATION FOR EXECUTION:

Title Steve Howard  
Steve Howard  
Director, Program Operations