MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

THE RHODE ISLAND DIVISION OF PLANNING, STATEWIDE PLANNING PROGRAM, AND STATE PLANNING COUNCIL

The Statewide Planning Program is a unit of the Division of Planning in the Department of Administration and serves as staff to the State Planning Council, designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the entire State of Rhode Island.

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (CMRPC) AND CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CMMPO)

The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), is the designated regional planning entity for the Central Massachusetts region, which includes the City of Worcester and the surrounding 39 communities. This region encompasses the southern two-thirds of Worcester County. CMRPC provides support services for the CMMPO, one of 13 MPOs in the Commonwealth.

The agencies share parts of urbanized areas (designated by the US Bureau of the Census) and metropolitan areas (designated by the Office of Management and Budget) and are each responsible for satisfying the requirements of a Transportation Management Area (TMA as designated by the US Department of Transportation). The agencies acknowledge a common interest in the interstate region but retain individual responsibility and jurisdiction. It is to the mutual benefit of the agencies to cooperate and provide for the coordination of planning activities for all modes of transportation between Central Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and the agencies agree to the following:

1. Each agency will ensure the mutual exchange of information and expertise, and the transmittal for review of all pertinent documents including, but not limited to the Unified Planning Work Program, the Transportation Improvement Program, and the Long Range Transportation Plan.
2. Each agency agrees to cooperate in matters pertaining to the Congestion Management Process and evacuation planning.
3. Each agency agrees to share GIS and TransCAD data along common boundaries for the purpose of travel demand model development, calibration, and applications.
4. Each agency will ensure the notification of, and participation in, meetings concerned with matters of mutual interest.
5. Each agency will ensure cooperation and consultation on plans, programs, and projects affecting both parties. If inconsistencies or conflicts arise, the agencies shall meet and employ their best efforts to develop a satisfactory resolution.

/s/ Parag Agrawal — 07/11/2016
Parag Agrawal — date
Associate Director, RI Division of Planning

/s/ Janet A Pierce — June 27, 2016
Janet A. Pierce, Executive Director — date
Central Massachusetts
Regional Planning Commission