

Federal Transit Administration

April 6, 2023

Michelle Horne Public Transportation Director Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development PO Box 94245 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Re: State Management Plan

Dear Mrs. Horne:

We have reviewed Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development (LADOTD) State Management Plan (SMP) submitted on January 23, 2023. LADOTD's SMP adequately describes the State's policies and procedures for administering the State-managed portions of FTA's Sections 5310, 5311, 5316, and 5339 programs. The plan is approved on the basis that it addresses the basic requirements provided in FTA Circular 9070.1G. An approved SMP remains valid until FTA approves a later plan submitted by the State, or an FTA State management review results in a specific request to the State by FTA for a revised SMP, or FTA announces significant new program documentation requirements.

FTA strongly encourages the State to issue timely revisions to the SMP, particularly when information helpful to minority applicants, subrecipients, and third-party contractors is involved. When the State proposes significant revisions to the SMP, it should give an opportunity to comment at the minimum to potential subrecipients of assistance, potential service providers, other State agencies and representatives of other funding sources, and any relevant State associations and professional organizations.

If revisions are substantive but not pervasive, the State may submit changes and additions in the form of page changes that can be approved by FTA and incorporated into the SMP on file. If the State changes the SMP significantly, however, it should submit the entire revised plan to FTA for approval. The State is responsible for ensuring that FTA has a complete copy of the current SMP. The State may submit minor changes and technical corrections to FTA to update the approved plan, without the need for additional FTA approval.

If you have any questions or need further assistance regarding this matter, please contact me. You can reach me by telephone at (817) 978--0552 or by email at <u>sharon.coats@dot.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Sharon Coats Director of Financial Management and Program Oversight

Cc: Jamie Ainsworth

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