



February 9, 2015

Gregory G. Nadeau  
Acting Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: Extension of Comment Period for Docket No. FHWA–2015–0053; National Performance Management Measures; Assessing Pavement Condition for the National Highway Performance Program and Bridge Condition for the National Highway Performance Program**

Dear Acting Administrator Nadeau:

The Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) is requesting that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) extend the comment period for the above referenced NPRM until May 8, 2015. This request is to permit AMPO, its members, and all MPOs adequate time to coordinate with the appropriate State and local agencies to provide FHWA with comments and recommendations that represent broad input from the MPO community.

AMPO has established a working group and has begun to solicit input from members through an on-line service that will allow MPOs to provide comment and ask questions. To date, the working group received comments from a limited number of MPOs, but continues to seek additional input. MPOs, small and large, are coordinating with their state partners and, in some cases, MPOs in adjacent planning areas and States. MPOs need to understand how this rule will impact investment decisions that are subject to fiscal constraint and may differ or be in conflict with State targets. Resolving this is critical. If MPOs are going to report progress to State DOTs, then the MPOs need to understand how States will manage that process before commenting on this part of the rule. These are just a few of the topics that MPOs will need to consider before comments may be provided.

For these reasons, and others that we are still learning about, AMPO requests that FHWA provide the additional weeks to provide comments. We appreciate your consideration. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 202-624-3684.

Sincerely,

DeLania Hardy, Executive Director