February 22, 2023

**Memorandum**

From: Adam Lougee, Executive Director

To: Executive Board

Re: RPC Funding Opportunity

Dear ACRPC Executive Board Members,

There are many issues being discussed in the legislature which RPCs could help address if adequate funding is provided. These issues include rural capacity, housing, shared services, climate change, economic development, etc. To address this, the RPC Directors are recommending full statutory formula funding be provided to RPCs. If full statutory formula funding was provided, it would approximately double our regional planning funds. As you know, these funds are our core funding which we use to support all of our regional planning work including being used as match funds for other grant funding.

We have developed the below language with the intent that RPC board members across the State could sign onto this concept and that we could transmit it to the appropriate committees. Please consider the following motion:

We approve the following request to the Legislature and authorize the Executive Director to add it to the petitions from other RPCs to put before the legislature: (Others have circulated it to their full boards to allow them to sign onto this request. I do not believe timing allows that given that the Legislative Committee at VAPDA wants to get this before committees by Friday.)

*As the Addison County Regional Planning Commission Executive Board members, we are requesting support from the Legislature to provide full statutory formula funding to regional planning commissions. The capacity of our towns is strained, which has resulted in towns not taking advantage of federal and state funding opportunities. The continued underfunding of RPCs has resulted in lost opportunities and support for our towns. The Property Transfer Tax funding is the foundation that RPCs use to provide support to leverage federal and state resources. We hereby ask the Legislature to support full statutory formula funding for the RPCs increasing the funding from $4,574,416 in FY23 to the full property transfer tax formula amount of $10,134,624.*

Please feel free to call me with any questions at 802-233-5420.