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MEMORANDUM

TO: SPW MPO Policy Committee Members
FROM: Scott Bogle, RPC Senior Transportation Planner
DATE: October 1, 2003
RE: First look at 2000 Census Journey to Work data

Enclosed are four tables depicting town to town commuter flow data from the 2000 Census. These data were released by the Census Bureau in late July. We will likely not have time to go over these in detail at the meeting on October 8, but are including the tables in the meeting packet as a preview. The four tables include the following:

A. Place of Work by Town of Residence (2000)

This table includes the number of commuters from each MPO community and their work locations. Close to 43,000 residents of the MPO region commute to work in NH and MA. The Salem/Windham area attracts the largest number of commuter trips (7,626) within NH. Northern Massachusetts continues to be a major employment area for the MPO region's residents, with the five communities of Andover, Haverhill, Lawrence, Methuen, and North Andover jointly account for more than 9000 jobs/trips.

B. Percent Distribution – Place of Work by Town of Residence (2000)

This table identifies the percentage of commute trips originating in the MPO region and going to various municipalities and counties in NH and MA. A little over half (52%) of all commuters journey to jobs in state, while 48% work in Massachusetts.

C. Percent Change - Place of Work by Town of Residence (1990-2000)

This table shows overall commuter trips originating in the region have increased with population growth. The bulk of this increase has been to jobs in NH (27.4%), with only a slight net increase in commuting to jobs in Massachusetts (2.2%). Note that 'NA' is used in cases where no commuter trips were recorded in the 1990 Census.

D. Change in Percent Distribution – Place of Work by Town of Residence (1990-2000)

This table depicts commuter trips to each destination as a percentage of all commuter trips originating in the MPO communities. This table highlights job growth in NH during the 1990s, particularly in the Seacoast and Merrimack County. Commutes within NH as a share of all commuter trips originating in the region increased 11.8 % during the decade, while trips to Massachusetts declined 10.2% as a share of all commuter trips.