TO: The State Legislature of Wisconsin and the Legislative Bodies of the Local Governmental Units Within the Southeastern Wisconsin Region

In accordance with the requirements of Section 66.945(5)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, this Commission each calendar year prepares and certifies an annual report to the State Legislature of Wisconsin and to the legislative bodies of the constituent county and local units of government within the Region. This, the 30th annual report of the Commission, summarizes the work of the Commission in calendar year 1990, and contains a statement of the financial position of the Commission as of the end of that calendar year as certified by an independent auditor.

While the Commission annual report is prepared to meet the legislative requirement noted above, the document also serves as an annual report to the state and federal agencies which fund several aspects of the Commission's work program. Importantly, the annual report is intended to provide county and local public officials and interested citizens with a comprehensive overview of current and proposed Commission activities, and thereby provide a focus for the active participation of those officials and citizens in regional plan preparation and implementation.

As do past annual reports, this report contains much useful information on development trends in the Region. In addition, this report summarizes the progress made during 1990 by the Commission in carrying out its three basic functions—data collection and dissemination, regional plan preparation, and promotion of plan implementation. During 1990, the Commission, working closely with both Washington and Waukesha Counties, completed and adopted new park and open space plans for those counties as amendments to the regional park and open space plan. In the transportation planning program, significant plan updating and extension efforts were completed, importantly including second-generation jurisdictional highway system plans for Racine and Washington Counties, a jurisdictional highway system plan amendment for Kenosha County, and a new transit system development plan and program for the City of Waukesha. During 1990, efforts were also focused on the preparation of detailed sanitary sewer service area plans so important to the preservation of environmentally sensitive lands in the Region. New such plans were prepared for the communities of Franklin in Milwaukee County, Union Grove in Racine County, and Dousman and Mukwonago in Waukesha Counties. Progress in these and other plan development efforts, as well as plan implementation efforts, is summarized in this annual report.

The Commission hopes that the constituent units and agencies of government concerned are pleased with the work of the Commission in 1990. The Commission looks forward to continuing to serve its constituent local units of government and the state and federal agencies concerned by providing the planning services required to address the areawide environmental and developmental problems of southeastern Wisconsin, and by promoting the intergovernmental cooperation needed to resolve these problems.

Very truly yours,

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