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

In accordance with the requirements of Section 66.945(6)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, this Commission each calendar year prepares and certifies an annual report to the Wisconsin Legislature and to the legislative bodies of the constituent county and local units of government within the Region. This, the 35th annual report of the Commission, summarizes the work of the Commission in calendar year 1995 and contains a statement of the financial position of the Commission as of the end of that year, as certified by an independent auditor.

While the Commission annual report is prepared to meet the legislative requirement noted above, this 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, thereby providing 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. This report also summarizes the progress made during 1995 by the Commission in carrying out its three basic functions: data collection and dissemination, regional plan preparation, and promotion of plan implementation.

During 1995, the Commission continued its efforts to implement the third-generation, design year 2010 regional land use and regional transportation system plans adopted, respectively, in 1992 and 1994. As part of its efforts to refine, detail, and extend the comprehensive plan for the Region, the Commission in 1995 also adopted a new, design year 2010 regional bicycle and pedestrian facilities system plan; a new, short-range transit service plan for Ozaukee County for the years 1996 through 2000; an updated, design year 2010 jurisdictional highway system plan for Walworth County; and a design year 2010 land use and transportation system development plan for the I-94 West Freeway Corridor in central and western Waukesha County.

Recognizing the continuing need to periodically review and revise key plan elements to reflect changing economic and demographic conditions, the Commission in 1995 completed a study of recent and anticipated future changes in economic activity and population levels within the Region. The new regional economic activity and population projections resulting from this study extend to the year 2020. These projections will be used in future Commission efforts to update and extend regional plan elements and related county- and local-level plans to that design year.

The Commission also continued its efforts toward full development of a computerized regional geographic information system. In companion efforts, the Commission continued to work with county and local governments throughout the Region toward building computerized land information systems integrated with the regional system.

At year’s end, the Commission was continuing work on the preparation of an update to the second-generation regional airport system plan and of a comprehensive plan for the protection and management of the remaining unique and outstanding natural resources and critical species habitats of the Region, as well as on various county- and local-level planning efforts.

The Commission hopes that the constituent units and agencies of government concerned are pleased with the work of the Commission in 1995. The Commission looks forward to continuing to serve its constituent counties and local units of government, as well as the State and Federal agencies concerned, by providing the planning services required to address the areawide environmental and development problems facing Southeastern Wisconsin and by promoting the intergovernmental cooperation needed to resolve those problems.

Very truly yours,

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