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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU APPROVES REGION 21 (MICHIGAN) 700 MHZ REGIONAL PLAN

WT Docket No. 02-378

Introduction. The Region 21 (Michigan)¹ 700 MHz Regional Planning Committee (RPC) submitted a proposed 700 MHz Public Safety Plan (Plan) for General Use spectrum² in the 769-775/799-805 MHz band for review and approval.³ For the reasons discussed below, we approve the Region 21 700 MHz Plan.

Background. In 1998, the Commission established a structure to allow RPCs optimal flexibility to meet state and local needs, encourage innovative use of narrowband spectrum in the 700 MHz band, and accommodate new and as yet unanticipated developments in technology and equipment.⁴ Each of the fifty-five (55) RPCs is required to submit its plan for General Use spectrum.⁵ The Commission's role in relation to the RPCs is limited to (1) defining the regional boundaries; (2) requiring fair and open procedures, *i.e.*, requiring notice, opportunity for comment, and reasonable consideration; (3) specifying the elements that all regional plans must include; and (4) reviewing and accepting proposed plans (or amendments to approved plans) or rejecting them with an explanation.⁶

The Region 21 700 MHz Plan Update. On September 17, 2025, the RPC submitted an amendment to the Region 21 – 700 MHz Plan.⁷ In its amendment, the RPC proposes to:

- Delete obsolete language,

¹ The Region 21 (Michigan) 700 MHz regional planning area includes the entire state of Michigan.

² The General Use spectrum is administered by RPCs and is licensed for public safety services on a site-by-site basis in accordance with the relevant Commission-approved regional plan and frequency coordination.

³ See Letter from Keith M. Bradshaw, Chairman, Region 21 700 MHz Regional Planning Committee, to Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, WT Docket No. 02-378 (filed Sep. 17, 2025) (Cover Letter). See also Region 21 700 MHz Plan Update, WT Docket 02-378 (filed Sep. 17, 2025) (Plan Amendment).

⁴ See *Development of Operational, Technical and Spectrum Requirements for Meeting Federal, State and Local Public Safety Agency Communication Requirements Through the Year 2010*, First Report and Order and Third Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 14 FCC Rcd 152 (1998) (*First Report and Order*); Second Memorandum Opinion and Order, 15 FCC Rcd 16844 (2000). See also 47 CFR § 90.527.

⁵ See 47 CFR § 90.527.

⁶ *First Report and Order*, 14 FCC Rcd at 195 para. 87.

⁷ See Cover Letter and Plan Amendment.

- Accept applications via CAPRAD, and
- Adopt a 45-business day response window.⁸

Region 21's RPC received concurrence letters for the proposed Plan Amendment from its four adjacent regions: Region 14 (Indiana), Region 45 (Wisconsin), and Region 54 (Chicago-Metropolitan) and Region 33 (Ohio).⁹

On March 23, 2026, the Bureau released a Public Notice seeking comment on the Region 21 Plan Amendment.¹⁰ We received no comments.

Based on our review of the Plan Amendment, we conclude that Region 21's Plan Amendment complies with FCC rules and policies. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 154(i), and Section 1.102(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 1.102(b), the Region 21 (Michigan) 700 MHz Plan is APPROVED.

This action is taken under delegated authority pursuant to Sections 0.191 and 0.392 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.191, 0.392.

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⁸ Cover Letter at 1. *See also* Plan Amendment at 6.

⁹ *See* E-mail from Lawrence Turner, Region 14, to Keith Bradshaw, Chair Region 21 RPC (Feb 19, 2025); Letter from Russell Schreiner, Chairman Region 45, to Region 21 RPC (Jan. 24, 2025); Letter from James Westover, Chairman Region 54, to Mr. Bradshaw, Region 21 RPC (Jun. 1, 2025); (collectively filed Sep. 17, 2025). *See also* Letter from Devan Phillips, Chairman Region 33, to Region 21 RPC (Feb 4, 2025) (filed Feb 17, 2026).

¹⁰ *Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Seeks Comments on Region 21 (Michigan) 700 MHz Regional Plan Update*, Public Notice, DA 26-284 (PSHSB 2026).