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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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June 12, 2008

Mr. James L. Randall, P.E., Director  
Transportation Planning and Programming Division  
Texas Department of Transportation  
125 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Re: Request for Finding of Conformity Consistency for METRO Transit Project Revisions

Dear Mr. Randall:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has reviewed the proposed revision to Houston-Galveston Area Council's (HGAC) 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program involving transit projects, and the associated request that the revision is consistent with the region's air quality conformity determination.

The HGAC's Transportation Policy Council approved a proposal by the Metropolitan Transit Authority (METRO) to deploy Light Rail Transit instead of Bus Rapid Transit in four corridors. All issues associated with the revision were discussed in a series of conference calls and e-mails with the Houston-Galveston Area Council, the Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Texas Department of Transportation, and the TCEQ.

The TCEQ is satisfied that the transit revisions are consistent with the area's air quality conformity determination. If you have any questions about our review, please contact Ms. Margie McAllister of my staff at 512-239-1967 or [mmcallis@tceq.state.tx.us](mailto:mmcallis@tceq.state.tx.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susana M. Hildebrand".

Susana M. Hildebrand, P.E., Director  
Air Quality Division

cc: Mr. Alan C. Clark, Director, Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Mr. Jose Campos, Federal Highway Administration  
Mr. Jeffrey Riley, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Ms. Diana Noble, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation  
Ms. Peggy Thurin, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation