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Mr. C.D. Reagan
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
Austin, Texas

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Attention: Jose Campos

Dear Mr. Reagan:

The attached letter dated June 2, 2005, states that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has reviewed the 2005 Transportation Conformity determination for the Houston-Galveston Area Council's 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Revised February 2005) and Fiscal Year 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program, and is satisfied that all requirements have been met. Please accept this letter as our concurrence with TCEQ, and official submittal of the conformity findings on behalf of the state.

Sincerely,

James L. Randall, P.E.
Director, Transportation
Planning and Programming

Attachment

cc: Margie McAllister, Director, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
John Sweek, Federal Transit Administration
Peggy Wade, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6
Alan Clark, Director, Houston-Galveston Area Council
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

June 2, 2005

Mr. James L. Randall, P.E., Director
Transportation Planning and Programming Division
Texas Department of Transportation
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Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Re: Conformity Determination for the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria Nonattainment Area

Dear Mr. Randall:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the conformity determination and associated transportation plans for the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) nonattainment area. We are satisfied all requirements have been met, as discussed below.

The HGB area is designated nonattainment for ozone. In order for the area to demonstrate transportation conformity, the area must show that regional emissions produced by the 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2025 Regional Transportation Plan meet the transportation conformity requirements in the federal rule, Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 93, as revised July 1, 2004.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) air quality planning and technical staff reviewed the documents and identified issues needing clarification and revision. In addition, issues were identified by other reviewers. All issues 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, and the Texas Department of Transportation. All issues were resolved through this interagency consultation process.

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The TCEQ staff is satisfied requirements have been met and transportation conformity has been demonstrated. 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.

Sincerely,

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