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Mr. Al Alonzi Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 300 East Eight Street, Room 826 Austin, Texas 78701

Attention: Mr. Jose Campos

Dear Mr. Alonzi:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) has reviewed the final Transportation Conformity determination for the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan Update (RTP-Update) and FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as developed by the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC). HGAC is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Based on the information received through the review process, TXDOT has completed our review. Pending concurrence from the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and resolution of comments from Federal Highway Administration, we support a positive conformity finding.

Please accept this letter as the official submittal of the conformity findings for HGAC on behalf of TxDOT.

Sincerely,

—pocusigned by: Humberto Gonzalez Jr, P.E.

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