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Houston-Galveston 2035 Regional
Transportation Plan Amendments

Mr. James L. Randall, PE
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Dear Mr. Randall:

We have reviewed the Houston-Galveston Area Council's (H-GAC) letter of November 20, 2007, transmitting amendments to the areas 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and a revised regional emissions analysis summary. The amendments to the 2035 RTP require that transportation conformity be reviewed as the amendments include several regionally significant transportation projects. H-GAC has revised the areas travel demand model networks to reflect the amendments to the 2035 RTP and has re-run the areas regional emissions analysis based on these project changes. The results of the revised regional emissions analysis indicate that the areas 2035 RTP continues to meet the motor vehicle emissions established in the State Implementation Plan.

In e-mails dated November 26, 2007, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and TxDOT, indicate that they have no comments concerning the revised regional emissions analysis. Based upon the results of the revised regional emissions analysis and consultation with the U.S. EPA, TCEQ and TxDOT, we hereby find that the (FHWA/FTA) November 9, 2007 conformity determination for H-GAC's 2035 RTP and FY 2008-2011 TIP remains valid.

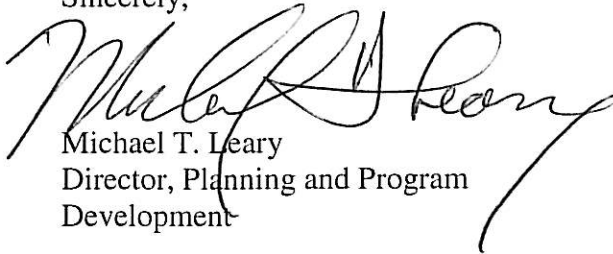
Please note that this action does not restart the H-GAC's four-year RTP and corresponding conformity determination update cycle. If you should have any questions regarding this action

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please contact Mr. Jose Campos at (512) 536-5932.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael T. Leary". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being the most prominent part.

Michael T. Leary
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cc:

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