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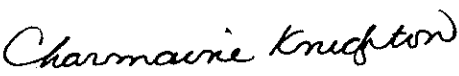
Dear Mr. Behrens:

We have determined that the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) 2025 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and FY 2006-2008 with Supplement Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) meet all requirements for making a joint conformity determination to the one-hour and eight hour ozone standards under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. This MTP and TIP conformity determination and the procedures used to make this determination are in accordance with the provisions of the transportation conformity rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93) dated August 15, 1997, as amended.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) acts as executive agent for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on Plan and TIP air quality conformity determinations. Accordingly, this letter will serve as the joint FHWA/FTA conformity determination. Please provide copies of this joint FHWA/FTA conformity determination to the Houston-Galveston Area Council, METRO, Island Transit, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Please note that this action restarts the three-year metropolitan transportation plan update cycle and corresponding three-year transportation conformity update cycle. If you have any questions regarding this action please contact Ms. Rebecca Dennison at (512) 536-5975.

Sincerely yours,


C. D. Reagan
Division Administrator

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