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Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC)
Transportation Conformity Determination –
Amendments to the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan
and 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. James M. Bass, Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. Bass

We have reviewed the documentation supporting the transportation conformity determination for amendments to the Houston-Galveston Area Council's (H-GAC) 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) adopted by the H-GACs Transportation Policy Council on January 26, 2018. Based upon our review and consultation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), we hereby find

- that the 2040 RTP and 2017-2020 TIP meet all the requirements for making a joint conformity determination under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

Additionally, we find

- that the 2040 RTP satisfactorily complies with the requirements of 23 CFR §450.324 regarding the review and update of metropolitan transportation plans in air quality non-attainment areas; and
- that the 2017-2020 TIP satisfactorily complies with the requirements of 23 CFR §450.326 regarding the update, public involvement, project inclusion, consistency with the plan, and fiscal constraint of TIPs in air quality non-attainment areas.

This conformity determination addresses project changes as adopted by the Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Policy Board and reflected in the corresponding Plan and Program.

The interagency consultative partners have indicated that they have no unresolved issues concerning this conformity determination. This conformity determination and 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.

Please note that this action does not restart the four-year time clock associated with a four-year plan update.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) acts as executive agent for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on metropolitan transportation plan and transportation improvement program air quality conformity determinations. Accordingly, this letter will serve as a joint FHWA/FTA conformity determination.

Should you have any questions concerning this action, please contact Jose Campos at Jose.Campos@dot.gov or (512) 536.5932, Barbara Maley at Barbara.Maley@dot.gov or (214) 224.2175.

Sincerely yours,



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