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Houston-Galveston Area Council
Transportation Conformity Determination

Mr. Phil Wilson, Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701-2483

Dear Mr. Wilson:

We have reviewed the documentation supporting the transportation conformity determination for amendments to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update and FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), adopted by the Houston-Galveston Area Council's (H-GAC) Transportation Policy Council on April 27, 2012. 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 amended 2035 RTP Update and FY 2011-2014 TIP meet all the requirements for making a joint conformity determination under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. In their letters of September 18, 2012, September 14, 2012 and September 17, 2012, respectively; TCEQ, TxDOT and EPA, indicate that they have no unresolved issues concerning this conformity determination. The 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.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) acts as executive agent for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on MTP 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 H-GAC, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO), Island Transit and TCEQ.

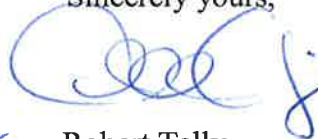
This conformity determination satisfies the requirement that conformity be re-determined within 24-months of U. S. EPA's adequacy determination of the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets (MVEB) established in the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria non-attainment area's Reasonable Further Progress (RFP) and Attainment Demonstration (AD) SIPs for the 1997 8-hour Ozone standard (40 CFR 93.104(e)). The U.S. EPA found the MVEBs included in the RFP and AD SIPs adequate on January 25, 2011, with an effective date of February 9, 2011.



Please note that this action does not restart the 4-year update cycle associated with H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update and corresponding conformity determination of January 25, 2011.

Should you have any questions concerning this action, please contact Mr. Jose Campos at (512) 536-5932 or Ms. Shundreka Givan at (512) 536-5936.

Sincerely yours,



for

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