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Attention: Jose Campos

Dear Mr. Leary:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has reviewed the changes associated with converting the initial deployment of Bus Rapid Transit in four METRO Solutions corridors to Light Rail Transit in the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and in the 2019 Conformity Analysis Network.

TxDOT has found that no modeling inputs relating to these projects in the 2019 conformity network required a revision and there is not a significant difference to the design concepts. Therefore, there are no impacts on conformity and these projects remain consistent with the currently approved Houston Galveston Area Council 2035 RTP.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is also involved in the interagency review process. TCEQ has raised no objections with TxDOT. On behalf of the state, please accept this letter as the official submittal of consistency.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Peggy Thurin at (512) 486-5036.

Sincerely,

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