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June 19, 2020

Mr. Byrd E. White, III
Secretary of Transportation
West Virginia Department of Transportation
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Re: Air Quality Conformity Determination - Huntington, West Virginia, FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Secretary White:

The 1990 Amendments to the Clean Air Act require transportation air quality conformity determinations for Metropolitan Transportation Plans, Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP), sections of a State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) covering rural nonattainment/maintenance areas, and projects in areas that are designated as air quality nonattainment and maintenance areas. Section 176 (d) of the Clean Air Act establishes priority requirements for programs supported by the Federal government that target nonattainment or maintenance areas to provide for timely implementation of eligible portions of air quality plans.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) coordinated the transportation air quality conformity determinations submittal with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and are jointly making this air quality conformity determination. This determination was triggered as a result of the February 16, 2016 South Coast Air Quality Management Area vs EPA court finding vacating the 2015 revocation of the 1997 8-hour ozone transportation conformity requirements.

FTA and FHWA find that the KYOVA's 2021-2024 TIP was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process by the MPO, Regional Transportation Authority's, and the State of West Virginia, in accordance with the requirements of 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the 'Federal Transit Act (49 USC).

Based on our review, FTA and FHWA find that the 2021-2024 TIP conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plans, and that the conformity determination has been performed in accordance with the requirements specified in the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Part 93), as amended.

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Based on Federal transportation planning regulatory requirements, day-to-day involvement, extensive review of technical analysis reports, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 134(h)(2)(B), Title 23 USC, FTA and FHWA find the financial information needed to support a fiscal constraint determination is complete.

Any questions concerning this determination should be directed to Chandra Inglis-Smith, Planner, FHWA West Virginia Division at (304) 347-5329, or Abigail Lowe, Community Planner, FTA Region III at (215) 656-7252.

Sincerely,

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## **Tennessee Division**

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March 25, 2020

In Reply Refer To: HPD-TN

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Mr. Kwabena Aboagye Assistant Director, Long Range Planning Division Tennessee Department of Transportation James K. Polk Building, Suite 900 Nashville, TN 37243

Subject: Air Quality Conformity Determination for Clarksville-Hopkinsville, TN-KY

Dear Mr. Aboagye:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Tennessee Division and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region IV Office, in coordination with the FHWA Kentucky Division and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region IV Office, have reviewed the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report adopted by the Clarksville Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Executive Board on March 5, 2020.

The Air Quality Conformity Determination covers the Clarksville-Hopkinsville, TN-KY former maintenance area for the 1997 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and addresses the planned transportation improvements from Amendment 1 to the Clarksville Urban Area MPO's 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Amendment 1 to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), both adopted on March 5, 2020.

Based on our review, we find the amended documents conform to the ozone NAAQS for Clarksville-Hopkinsville, Tennessee-Kentucky.

If you have any questions regarding this determination, please contact me at (615) 781-5767.

Sincerely,

Sean Santalla Transportation Planning Specialist

cc: Ms. Theresa Claxton, Program Development Team Leader, FHWA TN Division

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Director
Ohio Department of Transportation
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Dear Director Marchbanks:

This is in response to your letter dated May 1, 2020 regarding Ohio's 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This letter is the documented USDOT Planning Finding for Ohio's 2021-2024 STIP and provides approval of the 2021-2024 STIP.

In order to approve the STIP, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) must make a determination that each metropolitan TIP incorporated into the STIP is based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) planning process and as necessary conforms to the applicable state implementation plan in accordance with the provisions of the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93). In addition, this Planning Finding is based upon the extent that all the projects in the STIP, directly incorporating the 17 MPO TIPs, are the result of planning processes in accordance with provisions in U.S.C. 23 and U.S.C. 49.

Based on our review of the information provided in the 2021-2024 STIP submittal as well as our ongoing oversight of statewide and metropolitan transportation planning processes, no areas of the planning process have been identified as failing to comply with federal law or regulation. Therefore, we approve the 2021-2024 STIP. This approval is effective July 1, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Andy Johns of FHWA at (614) 680-6896 or Mr. Mark Kane of FTA at (312) 353-1552.

Sincerely,

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## **Kentucky Division**

March 3, 2020

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> In Reply Refer To: HDA-KY

Mr. Jarrett Haley, Executive Director Louisville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization c/o Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency 11520 Commonwealth Drive Louisville, KY 40299

Dear Mr. Haley:

The Kentucky Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Region 4 of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), in consultation with the Indiana Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration and Regions 4 and 5 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), have reviewed the following documents:

2020-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the Louisville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) (MPO approval resolution signed on February 27, 2020)

The Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet's Division for Air Quality, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Division of Planning, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Office of Transportation Delivery, the Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District, and the Transit Authority of River City also had an opportunity to review and comment on the aforementioned documents.

We found that this document meets the five primary criteria of the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Part 93):

- use of the latest planning assumptions,
- use of the latest emissions model,
- use of appropriate consultation procedures,
- consistency with the mobile vehicle emission budgets in the State Implementation Plan (SIP), and
- provisions for timely implementation of transportation control measures in the SIP.

We found that these documents met the criteria outlined in the July 1, 2004 Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments for New 8-hr Ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), Response to March 1999 Court Decision and Additional Rule Changes (69 FR 40004). We therefore find that these amendments conform to the 2015 8-hour Ozone NAAQS.

Sincerely,

Todd Jeter.

**Division Administrator** 

Todd Jeter

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