

SOUTH WESTERN REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Resolution 2012-004: Conformity with the Clean Air Act – PM 2.5

WHEREAS,

The South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program or when effecting a significant revision of the Regions Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS,

Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

1. the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
2. the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
3. the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

WHEREAS,

It is the opinion of the South Western Region MPO that the plans and programs approved today, January 26, 2012, and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS,

The New York – New Jersey – Long Island, NY-NJ-CT area is designated a PM 2.5 Nonattainment area; and

WHEREAS,

The State of Connecticut has elected to jointly assess conformity in all PM 2.5 nonattainment areas in Connecticut (Fairfield County and New Haven County) *CTDOT PM2.5 Air Quality Conformity, November 2011*; and

WHEREAS,

The results of the required emissions analysis performed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation on the *South Western Region Long Range Transportation Plan 2011-2040* and the *South Western Region FFY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* show that the implementation of the projects contained therein will result in emissions of PM2.5 in each analysis year that are less than the emissions of the baseline year; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the South Western Region MPO finds that the *South Western Region Long Range Transportation Plan 2011-2040* and the *South Western Region FFY 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the existing PM2.5 Conformity Determination dated November 2011. Contingent upon no major adverse comments are received during the public comment period.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and Chairman of the South Western Region MPO certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Western Region MPO on January 26, 2012.

DATE: January 26, 2012

BY: 
Gordon Joseloff
Chairman