

SOUTH WESTERN REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Resolution 2006-021: Resolution on 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 submitted to FHWA and EPA and approved on September 19, 2006 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) and accordingly, the Connecticut Department of Transportation has jointly assessed the impact of all regional transportation plans and programs (TIPS) in all PM2.5 nonattainment areas and provide said conformity to the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC), the nonattainment area coordinator; and

WHEREAS,

NYMTC will provide a Multi-state PM2.5 Conformity (“Umbrella”) document containing the combined regional analysis for the PM2.5 nonattainment area; 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 2004-2030* and the *FFY 2007-2011 South Western Region Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* shows 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

WHEREAS,

This document demonstrates that the emissions analysis from all the other MPOs within the New York – Northern New Jersey – Long Island, NY-NJ-CT area show that emissions in each analysis year are less than those in the baseline year – thus meeting the interim emissions test for the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT PM2.5 nonattainment area.

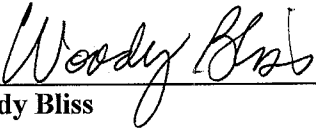
Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the South Western Region MPO finds that the *South Western Region Long Range Transportation Plan 2004-2030* and the *FFY 2007-2011 South Western Region 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 PM2.5 Conformity Determination contingent on the final analysis being essentially the same as distributed during the public comment period and that no major adverse comments were received during said 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 December 11, 2006.

DATE: December 11, 2006

BY: 
Woody Bliss
Chairman