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# SOUTH WESTERN REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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## **Resolution #2014-015: Conformity with the Clean Air Act for Ozone**

### **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 Region's 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, October 23, 2014, 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 State of Connecticut has elected to assess conformity in the Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT Ozone Marginal Nonattainment area (Fairfield, New Haven and Middlesex Counties) and the Connecticut Department of Transportation has jointly assessed the impact of all transportation plans and programs in these Nonattainment areas (*Ozone Air Quality Conformity Report - August 2014*); and

### **WHEREAS,**

The Connecticut Department of Transportation's assessment (above) has found that plans and programs jointly meet mobile source emission's guidelines advanced by EPA pursuant to Section 7506 (3) (A).

### **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH WESTERN REGION MPO,**

That the South Western Region MPO finds that the *South Western Region Long Range Transportation Plan 2011-2040* and the *South Western Region FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* and all Amendments 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 Ozone Air Quality Conformity Determination dated August 2014, contingent upon receipt of no major adverse comments during the public involvement process.

**CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned duly qualified 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 October 23, 2014.

This resolution is effective **October 23, 2014.**

**Date: October 23, 2014.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Brennan", written over a horizontal line.

William Brennan, Chairman