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Mr. Joseph Giulietti, Commissioner  
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Subject: Connecticut Ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> Air Quality Conformity Determination of the 2019-2045  
Metropolitan Transportation Plans and the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Programs, as  
amended

Dear Commissioner Giulietti:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have reviewed the Connecticut Department of Transportation's (CTDOT) "*Ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> Air Quality Conformity Determination of the 2019-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plans and the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Programs, as amended*" dated February 2022, as submitted on July 8, 2022. This determination report was specifically prepared based on a revision to the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and inclusion of new regionally significant projects in the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) / State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The CTDOT concurrently transmitted the conformity report to the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region I for review on July 8, 2022.

By email transmittal dated August 15, 2022, the EPA notified FHWA and FTA of its finding that the CTDOT's air quality conformity analyses will support a U.S. DOT positive conformity determination for the air quality areas delineated in the "*Ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> Air Quality Conformity Determination of the 2019-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plans and the FFY2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Programs, as amended (February 2022)*".

Accordingly, the FHWA and the FTA, in consultation with EPA, have determined that Connecticut's 2019-2045 MTPs, as amended, and the 2021-2024 TIPs, as amended, are in conformity with the goals of the State Implementation Plan (SIP), are consistent with the Clean Air Act, and are consistent with the EPA conformity regulations as stated in 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. This conformity determination of the TIPs and MTPs will remain in effect until such time as a new determination is required by 40 CFR 93.104.

Should you have any questions regarding this subject, please feel free to contact Jennifer Carrier at (860) 494-7567, or Leah Sirmin at (617) 494-2459.

Sincerely,

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