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North Central Texas Council of Governments
Transportation Conformity Determination –
Mobility 2035: the Metropolitan Transportation
Plan for North Central Texas – 2013 Update
and Amended 2013-2016 Transportation
Improvement Program

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Dear Mr. Wilson:

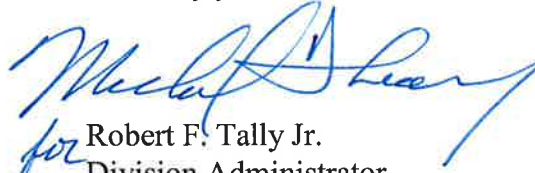
We have reviewed the documentation supporting the transportation conformity determination for the Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas (MTP) – 2013 Update and the amended 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program for North Central Texas (TIP), adopted by the Dallas-Fort Worth–Arlington, Lewisville-Denton and McKinney Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (DFW MPO) Regional Transportation Council on June 13, 2013. Based upon our review and consultation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), we hereby find that the Mobility 2035: MTP – 2013 Update and amended 2013-2016 TIP meet all the requirements for making a joint conformity determination under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

This conformity determination addresses the requirement that a conformity determination be completed within one-year of the area’s non-attainment designation in accordance with the 2008 8-hour ozone standard by EPA, as well as the requirement that a conformity determination be completed with two-years of EPA’s adequacy determination of the motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs *or* budgets) contained in the DFW MPO 1997 8-hour Ozone Reasonable Further Progress (RFP) State Implementation Plan (SIP), established using the Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator Model (MOVES). Interagency consultative partners indicate that they have no unresolved issues concerning this conformity determination in letters dated July 10, 2013 for EPA, July 11, 2013 for TxDOT, and July 19, 2013 for TCEQ. The conformity determination and procedures used to make this determination are in accordance with the provisions of the transportation conformity rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93), dated August 15, 1997, as amended.

Additionally, we find the Mobility 2035: MTP – 2013 Update to satisfactorily comply with the requirements of 23 CFR 450.322 regarding the review and update of metropolitan transportation plans in air quality non-attainment and maintenance areas. Accordingly, this action restarts the four-year update cycle for the metropolitan transportation plan and corresponding conformity determination. It should be noted that the 20-year planning horizon required for continued revision of the Mobility 2035: MTP – 2013 Update will cease to exist on January 1, 2016. As such, an update of the metropolitan transportation plan and corresponding conformity determination may be required within the next two years.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) acts as executive agent for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on metropolitan transportation plan and transportation improvement program air quality conformity determinations. Accordingly, this letter will serve as a joint FHWA/FTA conformity determination. Should you have any questions concerning this action, please contact Barbara Maley at (214) 224-2175, Shundreka Givan at (512) 536-5936 or Jose Campos at (512) 536-5932.

Sincerely yours,


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