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In Reply Refer To: HPP-TX

Mr. Amadeo Saenz Jr., P.E. Executive Director Texas Department of Transportation 125 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Saenz:

We have reviewed the documentation supporting the transportation conformity determination for Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas (MTP) and 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program for North Central Texas – 2011 Amendment (TIP), adopted by the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, Lewisville-Denton and McKinney's Metropolitan Planning Organization (D/FW MPO) Regional Transportation Council on March 10, 2011. 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 and FY 2011-2014 TIP – 2011 Amendment, meet all the requirements for making a joint conformity determination under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. In their letters dated May 17, 2011, June 7, 2011, and May 24, 2011, respectively; TCEQ, TxDOT and EPA, indicate that they have no unresolved issues concerning this conformity determination. 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.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) acts as executive agent for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on MTP and TIP air quality conformity determinations. Accordingly, this letter will serve as the joint FHWA/FTA conformity determination. Please provide copies of this joint FHWA/FTA conformity determination to the D/FW MPO, regional transportation authorities (i.e., Dallas Area Rapid Transit, the Fort Worth Transportation Authority and the Denton County Transportation Authority) and the TCEQ.

Additionally, we find the Mobility 2035 MTP 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 at least every four years. Accordingly, this action

restarts the four-year update cycle for the D/FW MTP and corresponding conformity determination. Should you have any questions concerning this action, please contact Ms. Barbara Maley at (214) 224-2175, Ms. Shundreka Givan at (512) 536-5936 or Mr. Jose Campos at (512) 536-5932.

Sincerely yours,

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