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Mr. Al Alonzi  
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Dear Mr. Alonzi:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed conformity determination documents for the *Mobility 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan*, and the *2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program*, submitted by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) for interagency consultation and review. A new conformity determination is necessary for the Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas (DFW) 8-hour ozone nonattainment area due to the adoption of the new Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and updated Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the need to comply with 40 CFR 93.102(d) (*grace period for new nonattainment areas*) and § 93.104(e)(2) (*effective date of adequacy finding*).

Any issues associated with the demonstration of conformity were addressed in conference calls and e-mails with the NCTCOG, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Texas Department of Transportation, and the EPA. The criteria for our review and the interagency consultation process can be found at 40 CFR Part 93, Subpart A and guidance memoranda issued by the FHWA and the EPA for transportation conformity determinations.

Based on the information submitted to the EPA and discussed during the interagency consultation process, the estimated emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) and volatile organic compounds (VOC) for the Mobility 2045 MTP and 2019-2022 TIP will be below the motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) established for these pollutants in the State Implementation Plan: The NO<sub>x</sub> and VOC MVEBs became effective on November 23, 2016, (81 FR 78591). We have no further comments and are supportive of a positive conformity finding by the FHWA for the DFW area.

I appreciate your cooperation in consulting with us and ensuring all provisions of the transportation conformity rules have been properly addressed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (214) 665-8377, or Jeff Riley of my staff at (214) 665-8542.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary A. Stanton".

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