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Refer to: HDA-TX

Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth Arlington, Denton-Lewisville, and McKinney Urbanized Areas (MPO) Transportation Conformity Determination Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas – 2022 Update and FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Marc D. Williams
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Texas Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. Williams:

We have reviewed the documentation supporting the transportation conformity determination for the Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas – 2022 Update (Mobility 2045 – 2022 Update) and FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (FY 2023-2026 TIP) adopted by the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Regional Transportation Council on November 9, 2023.

This conformity determination was conducted to demonstrate that the Mobility 2045 – 2022 Update and FY 2023-2026 TIP conform to the 2020 Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets (MVEB). No project changes to the Mobility 2045 – 2022 Update and FY 2023-2026 TIP requiring transportation conformity are proposed. It is noted that the MPO subsequently adopted a FY 2025-2028 TIP consistent with the Mobility 2045 – 2022 Update on June 13, 2024.

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:

• the Mobility 2045 – 2022 Update and FY 2023-2026 TIP meet all the requirements for making a joint conformity determination under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

## Additionally, we find:

- the Mobility 2045 2022 Update satisfactorily complies with the requirements of 23 CFR §450.324 regarding the review and update of metropolitan transportation plans (MTP) in air quality non-attainment areas; and
- the FY 2023-2026 TIP satisfactorily complies with the requirements of 23 CFR §450.326 regarding the update, public involvement, project inclusion, consistency with the plan, and fiscal constraint of transportation improvement programs in air quality non-attainment areas.

The interagency consultative partners have indicated that they have no unresolved issues concerning this conformity determination in their letters dated: November 6, 2024, for TCEQ; November 6, 2024, for EPA; and November 19, 2024, for TxDOT. 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.

Please note that this action does not restart the four-year time clock associated with the MTP update. Accordingly, an updated MTP and corresponding transportation conformity demonstration will be required by December 15, 2026.

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 Jose Campos at <u>Jose.Campos@dot.gov</u> or (512) 536-5932 or Barbara Maley at <u>Barbara.Maley@dot.gov</u> or (972) 561-8025.

Sincerely yours,

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