

## **Appendix G. Public and Agency Comments and Responses**

September 15, 2011 version (versions will be updated as comments are received)

Appendix G contains comments on the draft conformity report and responses to these comments. Each commenter is assigned a code and each comment a number. Responses follow each comment. In certain instances, the respondent may insert italicized, bracketed wording to clarify the comment, using the format [*clarifying comment*]. Except as noted by any italicized, bracketed comments, no changes were made to the comments as received. Comments submitted in digital formats may have altered formats from the original due to the mechanics of importing and combining these files in this appendix.

The following organizations and individuals responded to the request for comments on the draft conformity report:

1. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Email from Edward Dancausse to John Hodges-Copple, August 26, 2011

2. Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

email from Myra Immings of FTA to Eddie Dancausse, FHWA, August 12, 2011

3. NC Division of Air Quality (DAQ)

email from Heather Hildebrandt to Eddie Dancausse, FHWA, August 25, 2011

4. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV (EPA)

email from Amanetta Sommerville to Eddie Dancausse, FHWA, August 29, 2011

*Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)*

FHWA1:

Populate the following appendices for the Triangle Area Draft CDR on the TJCOG website: C, F, H, I and J. This information is available and should be provided on the website for review.

Response:

Appendices C, F, H, I and J will be added to the triangleair.com website.

FHWA2:

Include the 12-18 TIPs for CAMPO, DCHC MPO, Burlington Graham MPO and the 12-18 STIPs for the donut areas (Chatham/Franklin/Granville/Johnston/Orange/Person) in Appendix D.

Response:

Them MPO 12-18 TIPs and donut-area county STIP projects will be added to the triangleair.com website.

FHWA3:

Page 3, replace “Burlington Graham MPO: April 21, 2009” with “Burlington Graham MPO: June 15, 2009”

Response:

The requested replacement has been made.

FHWA4:

Page 5, replace “These analyses are consistent with the set of amendments to 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, published in the January 24, 2008 **Federal Register**, *Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments to Implement Provisions Contained in the 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU); Final Rule*, effective on February 25, 2008” with “These analyses are consistent with the Transportation Conformity Regulation (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93)”

Response:

The requested replacement has been made.

*Federal Transit Administration (FTA)*

FTA1:

FTA defers to FHWA with respect to evaluation of the adequacy of the subject Triangle Area Draft Conformity Determination Report.

Response:

The comment is noted; no response is required.

*NCDENR Division of Air Quality (DAQ)*

DAQ1:

Page 5, last paragraph: Should we say that the conformity determination is based on the “original” regional emissions analysis from the 2035 plans? We made significant changes to the modeling. I think it would be better to just remove the word “original.”

Response:

The word “original” has been removed as requested.

DAQ2:

Page 10, last paragraph: We no longer used interpolation for 2017. This reference to interpolation should be removed.

Response:

The reference has been removed as requested.

DAQ3:

Page 13, 4.1.3: Add a period after MOBILE6.2.

Response:

The period has been added as requested.

DAQ4:

As these comments are minor and do not affect the actual analysis contained in this report, I believe that the Triangle Area has demonstrated that their TIPs and Amended Plans conform to the intent of the SIP. Therefore, I will begin drafting the DAQ letter of support.

Response:

The comment is noted; no response is required.

*US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)*

EPA1:

EPA has reviewed the draft conformity determination report and do not have any additional comments or recommended revisions that have not already been provided by FHWA or NCDAQ. We look forward to reviewing the CDR with the revised information.

Response:

The comment is noted; no response is required.

# THE TRIANGLE TRIBUNE

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NORTH CAROLINA

Before undersigned a **Notary Public** of said County and State, duly commissioned, qualified, and authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared: **Betty Holloway** of **The Triangle Tribune**, a newspaper published, issued, and entered as second class mail in the City of Charlotte, in the said County and State, that she is authorized to make this affidavit and sworn statement, that advertisement of:

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**Air Quality Conformity Hearing PO#12003227**

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This 15<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 2011

Betty Holloway (Betty Holloway)  
Wanda Laurel Bailey

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

This 15<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 2011

**Notary Public for Mecklenburg County, North Carolina**

My Commission Expires

