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July 5, 2007

Mr. Lyndo Tippet
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Department of Transportation
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In Reply Refer To:
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Dear Secretary Tippet:

Enclosed is the transportation conformity determination letters signed by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for the

- Hickory Area
- Metrolina Area
- Rocky Mount Area
- Triangle Area
- Triad Area

Based on our review and comments provided by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), these areas were found to conform to the purpose of the State Implementation Plan (or interim emissions tests, in areas where no State Implementation Plan is approved or found adequate by EPA) in accordance with 40 CFR Part 93.

The USDOT conformity determination letter is dated June 29, 2007. The June 29, 2007, date finalizes the adoption of the FY 2007-2013 TIPs and is also the date for the conformity determination on the FY 2007-2013 TIPs.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Mr. Eddie Dancausse at 919-856-4330, extension 112.

Sincerely yours,

For John F. Sullivan III, P.E.
Division Administrator

Enclosures

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In Reply Refer To:
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Dear Secretary Tippet:

We reviewed the Triangle Area Transportation Conformity Determination Report for the:

- Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and the Durham Chapel Hill Carrboro (DCHC) MPO 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) amendments
- FY 2007-2013 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for CAMPO, DCHC MPO and the Burlington Graham (BG) MPO
- FY 2007-2013 State TIP for the county donut areas of Chatham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Orange and Person.

The CAMPO and the DCHC MPO made conformity determinations on the 2030 LRTP amendments. The CAMPO, the DCHC MPO, the BG MPO and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) made conformity determinations on the FY 2007-2013 TIPs on the following dates:

- CAMPO on May 16, 2007
- DCHC MPO on May 9, 2007
- BG MPO on May 15, 2007
- The NCDOT (for the county donut areas of Chatham) on June 7 2007
- The NCDOT (for the county donut areas of Franklin) on June 1, 2007
- The NCDOT (for the county donut areas of Granville) on June 1, 2007
- The NCDOT (for the county donut areas of Johnston) on June 1, 2007
- The NCDOT (for the county donut areas of Orange) on June 7, 2007
- The NCDOT (for the county donut areas of Person) on June 1, 2007

The CAMPO, the DCHC MPO, the BG MPO FY 2007-2013 TIPs are direct subsets of the 2030 LRTPs. The county (Chatham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Orange and Person) donut area projects from the FY 2007-2013 State TIP are consistent with the area projects from the FY 2006-2012 State TIP projects found to conform by the USDOT on November 14, 2005.

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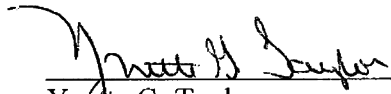


The FHWA and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have reviewed these documents. We have also coordinated our review with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 and have enclosed their comments to this letter.

Based on our review and comments provided by the US EPA, we find that the following areas conform to the purpose of the State Implementation Plan (or interim emissions tests, in areas where no State Implementation Plan is approved or found adequate by EPA) in accordance with 40 CFR Part 93:

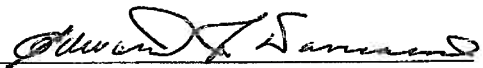
- CAMPO 2030 LRTP amendments
- DCHC MPO 2030 LRTP amendments
- The FY 2007-2013 TIPs for CAMPO, DCHC MPO and the BG MPO
- Projects from the 2007-2013 State TIP for the county donut areas of Chatham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Orange and Person

Sincerely,



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Regional Administrator
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Sincerely,



FOR John F. Sullivan III, P.E.
North Carolina Division Administrator
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John F. Sullivan III, P.E.
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Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Thank you for your letter requesting our review of the transportation conformity determinations for the Amended 2030 Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTPs) for the Capital and the Durham Chapel Hill and Carrboro areas; and the Fiscal year (FY) 2007-2013 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for the Capital area Durham Chapel Hill and Carrboro area, the Burlington Graham area, and the county donut areas of Chatham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Orange, and Person 8-hour ozone nonattainment area. These conformity determinations are for the 8-hour ozone and carbon monoxide standards. We have completed our review, and recommend a finding of conformity for both the 8-hour ozone and carbon monoxide standards for the Amended 2030 LRTPs for the Capital and the Durham Chapel Hill and Carrboro areas, and the FY 2007-2013 TIPs for the Capital area, Durham Chapel Hill and Carrboro area, the Burlington Graham area, and the county donut areas of Chatham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Orange, and Person 8-hour ozone nonattainment area.

On November 15, 1990, August 15, 1997, and subsequently on July 1, 2004, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published revisions related to the "Criteria and Procedures for Determining Conformity to State or Federal Implementation Plans of Transportation Plans, Programs, and Projects Funded or Approved Under Title 23 U.S.C. or the Federal Transit Act," or Transportation Conformity Rule (40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 93). These revisions outline the criteria that must be met for the CO and 8-hour ozone standards. EPA has reviewed the conformity determinations related to the CO and 8-hour ozone standards for the Amended 2030 LRTPs for the Capital and the Durham Chapel Hill and Carrboro areas; and the FY 2007-2013 TIPs for the Capital area, Durham Chapel Hill and Carrboro area, the Burlington Graham area and the county donut areas of Chatham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Orange, and Person and has concluded that all of the criteria, including those outlined in the July 1, 2004, conformity rule revision entitled, "Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments: Conformity Amendments for New 8-hour Ozone and PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Response to March 1999 Court Decision and Additional Rule Changes." (60 FR 46004), have been met.

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Thank you again for the opportunity to review the conformity determinations for the Amended 2030 LRTPs for the Capital and the Durham Chapel Hill and Carrboro areas; and the FY 2007-2013 TIPs for the Capital area, Durham Chapel Hill and Carrboro area, the Burlington Graham area and the county donut areas of Chatham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Orange, and Person. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Amantha Wood at (404) 562-9025 of the EPA Region 4 staff.

Sincerely,



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cc: Eddie Dancausse, FHWA NC
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