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El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (EPMPO)
Transportation Conformity Determination
Amended 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and
2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Marc D. Williams, Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. Williams:

We have reviewed the documentation supporting the transportation conformity determination for the amended 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) adopted by the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Policy Board on May 22, 2020. 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 amended 2045 MTP and 2021-2024 TIP meet all the requirements for making a joint conformity determination under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

Additionally, we find

- that the amended 2045 MTP satisfactorily complies with the requirements of 23 CFR §450.324 regarding the development and content of metropolitan transportation plans in air quality non-attainment areas; and
- that the 2021-2024 TIP satisfactorily complies with the requirements of 23 CFR §450.326 regarding the development and content of transportation improvement programs in air quality non-attainment areas.

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The interagency consultative partners have indicated that they have no unresolved issues concerning this conformity determination in their letters dated: December 9, 2021 for EPA, December 7, 2021 for TCEQ and December 9, 2021 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.

This action

- does not restart the four-year time clock associated with the update of the MTP. Accordingly, an updated MTP and corresponding transportation conformity determination will be required by November 6, 2022; and
- satisfies the requirement that transportation conformity must be determined for any updated or amended MTP or TIP.

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 Jose.Campos@dot.gov or (512) 536-5932 or Barbara Maley at Barbara.Maley@dot.gov or (214) 224-2175.

Sincerely yours,

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