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Houston-Galveston Area Council
Transportation Conformity Determination

Mr. Phil Wilson, Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701-2483

Dear Mr. Wilson:

We have reviewed the documentation supporting the transportation conformity determination for amendments to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update and FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), adopted by the Houston-Galveston Area Council's (H-GAC) Transportation Policy Council on November 30, 2012. 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 2035 RTP Update and FY 2013-2016 TIP meet all the requirements for making a joint conformity determination under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. In their letters of March 27, 2013, April 2, 2013 and March 7, 2013, respectively; TCEQ, TxDOT and EPA, indicate that they have no unresolved issues concerning this conformity determination. 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.

FHWA acts as executive agent for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on MTP and TIP air quality conformity determinations. Accordingly, this letter will serve as the joint FHWA/FTA conformity determination. Please note that this action does not restart the 4-year update cycle associated with H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update and corresponding conformity determination of January 25, 2011.

Should you have any questions concerning this action, please contact Mr. Jose M. Campos at (512) 536-5932 or Ms. Shundreka R. Givan at (512) 536-5936.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert F. Tally Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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