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North Central Texas Council of Governments
Transportation Conformity Determination –
Mobility 2035: the Metropolitan Transportation
Plan for North Central Texas – 2014 Amendment
and 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program

LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret) Executive Director Texas Department of Transportation 125 E. 11th Street Austin, TX 78701-2483

Dear General Weber:

We have reviewed the documentation supporting the transportation conformity determination for the Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas (MTP) – 2014 Amendment and the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), adopted by the Dallas-Fort Worth–Arlington, Lewisville-Denton and McKinney Metropolitan Planning Organization's (DFW MPO) Regional Transportation Council, on November 13, 2014. 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 Mobility 2035: MTP – 2014 Amendment and 2015-2018 TIP meet all the requirements for making a joint conformity determination under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

Additionally, we find

- that the Mobility 2035: MTP 2014 Amendment satisfactorily complies with the requirements of 23 CFR §450.322 regarding the review and update of metropolitan transportation plans in air quality non-attainment areas; and
- that the 2015-2018 TIP satisfactorily complies with the requirements of 23 CFR §450.324 regarding the update, public involvement, project inclusion, consistency with the plan, and fiscal constraint of TIPs in air quality non-attainment areas.

This conformity determination addresses project changes as adopted by the MPO's Policy Board and reflected in the corresponding Plan and Program.

The interagency consultative partners have indicated that they have no unresolved issues concerning this conformity determination in their letters dated: April 9, 2015, for EPA, January 30, 2015, for TxDOT and April 8, 2015, for TCEQ. 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 a four-year plan update.

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

Sincerely yours,

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