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June 29, 2020

Mr. Russell L. Jorgenson, P.E.
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
Michigan Division
315 West Allegan Street, Room 201
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Dear Mr. Jorgenson:

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is transmitting the [Genesee County Long Range Transportation Plan \(LRTP\)](#) and the [Flint Orphan Maintenance Area Transportation Conformity Determination Report](#) for the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Resolutions from the Genesee Metropolitan Alliance, the MPO policy board supporting the LRTP, and the conformity determination, are enclosed.

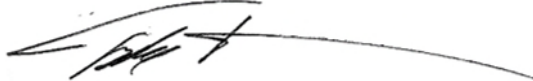
The Flint Orphan Maintenance Area (Genesee and Lapeer Counties) is a designated maintenance area for the 1997 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). A new conformity report was required because GCMPC developed a new 2045 LRTP. The process demonstrating conformity was conducted for the new Genesee County LRTP, the GCMPC 2020 - 2023 Transportation Improvement Program, and the State Transportation Improvement Program, contained in the maintenance area. This conformity report was developed through interagency workgroup collaboration and completed consistent with the Clean Air Act requirements, existing associated regulations (40 CFR Parts 51.390 and 93), and the Transportation Conformity Rule requirements for the 1997 ozone NAAQS.

The Governor of the State of Michigan has designated MDOT to act on her behalf in the review and approval of the process in which the state's MPO LRTPs are developed. Pursuant to this authority, MDOT has reviewed the plan and finds that the process and coordination with which it was developed is consistent with the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, also known as the FAST Act. MDOT requests your concurrence that the process used to develop these LRTPs is consistent with the MPO transportation plan development process requirements of Title 23, United States Code 134. MDOT also requests the Federal Highway Administration make a final determination on the conformity determination by a joint letter with the Federal Transit Administration to MDOT.

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If you have any questions, please contact either me or Don Mayle, Supervisor,
Statewide Planning Section, at 517-335-4588 or MayleD@Michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

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Todd White, Director
Bureau of Transportation Planning

Enclosure(s)

cc: Don Mayle, MDOT



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Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning
Commission (GCMPC) 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Dear Mr. White:

This letter is in response to the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT's) request of June 29, 2020 for Federal review of the conformity analysis for GCMPC's 2045 metropolitan transportation plan (MTP). Our office and staff at the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have reviewed the documentation, with additional review by staff at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA letter attached). We find the GCMPC 2045 MTP meets the requirements of 23 CFR Part 450 and 40 CFR Part 93 for air quality conformity.

If you have any questions, please contact me at andy.pickard@dot.gov or (517)702-1827.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

MDOT 6.29.20 GCMPC 2045 LRTP Transmittal letter
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Dear Mr. Jorgenson:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC) 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Plan) for the conformity determination. This letter provides the results of our review of the conformity determination.

GCMPC is the lead planning agency for the Flint area, which is currently designated maintenance for the 1997 8-hour Ozone standard. The Flint ozone area is subject to the EPA qualitative South Coast II conformity guidance and met that criteria. The conformity analysis was developed through the interagency consultation process which included representatives of the local, State, and Federal governments.

In summary, the GCMPC Plan conformity determination for the Flint ozone area meets the requirements of the conformity regulations (40 CFR Part 93 Subpart A). The EPA recommends that it be found to conform.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me or Michael Leslie, of my staff, at (312) 353-6680.

Sincerely yours,

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