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Dallas-Fort Worth 2009 Amendments to the  
Mobility 2030 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and  
FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program  
Conformity Determination

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Dear Mr. Saenz:

We have reviewed the transportation conformity documentation for the 2009 amendments to the Dallas-Fort Worth area's Mobility 2030 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and revisions to the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), including the supporting documentation for the non-metropolitan area portion of the 9-county Dallas-Fort Worth non-attainment area. 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 subject to the enclosed comments, the 2009 amendments to the Mobility 2030 MTP, the revisions to the FY 2008-2011 TIP, and supporting documentation for the non-metropolitan area portion of the 9-county Dallas-Fort Worth non-attainment area meet all the requirements for making a joint conformity determination under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. In their letters of July 23, 2009, August 13, 2009, and August 19, 2009, EPA, TCEQ, and TxDOT, respectively, 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.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) acts as executive agent for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on Plan and TIP air quality conformity determinations. Accordingly, this letter will serve as the joint FHWA/FTA conformity determination. Please provide copies of this joint FHWA/FTA conformity determination to the North Central Texas Council of Governments, the Dallas Area Rapid Transit, the Fort Worth Transportation Authority, the Denton County Transit Authority, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

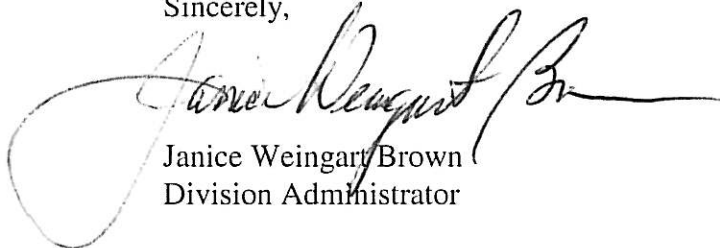


Please note that this action does not restart the Dallas-Fort Worth area's four-year MTP and corresponding conformity determination update cycle. However, this conformity determination satisfies the requirement that conformity be re-determined within 24-months of the following actions concerning the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area, associated with the 1997 8-hour ozone standard:

- EPA's April 7, 2008, adequacy determination of the motor vehicle emissions budgets contained in the Attainment Demonstration SIP
- EPA's December 8, 2008, approval of the Reasonable Further Progress SIP
- EPA's February 13, 2009, Conditional Approval of the Attainment Demonstration SIP.

Please contact Ms. Barbara Maley at (214) 224-2175 or Mr. Jose Campos at (512) 536-5932, should you have any questions regarding this action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janice Weingart Brown", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Janice Weingart Brown  
Division Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Peggy Crist, FTA-Region 6  
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## ENCLOSURE

### **FHWA Comments Concerning the 2009 Amendments to the Dallas-Fort Worth Area's Mobility 2030 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Revisions to the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

#### **2009 Amendments to 2030 MTP:**

1. General: The analysis years noted in the MTP should be updated to coincide with the 2009 Transportation Conformity Determination (e.g., p 4 Introduction/Background; pp. 116-117 Travel Forecasting Process).
2. Regional Significant Arterials (RSA) Listings: Please ensure that the listings included in the documents (i.e., Mobility 2030-2009 Amendment and 2009 Transportation Conformity Determination) are consistent (e.g., DAL\_RSA: 04-09-2009 (2009 TR) and 04-15-2009 (MTP) and FTW\_RSA: 04-09-2009 (2009 TR) and 02-27-2009 (MTP))
3. Pages 476-477 (Regional Significant Arterials): The Federal Functional Classification year should be updated.
4. Regional Toll Network Analysis information should be included in the MTP.

#### **Revisions to FY 2008-2011 STIP (Based on information accompanying the 2009 Transportation Conformity Determination Dated May 4, 2009):**

1. The following CSJs are approved contingent upon correction of the MTP references as provided by NCTCOG staff on August 12, 2009:

CSJ 0135-10-930

From: TH1 384.4, TSM 2100

To: TH1 384.41

CSJ 0718-01-900

From: TH1 351.0

To: TH1 351.1

CSJ 1392-01-900

From: TH1 225.3

To: TH1 225.35

CSJ 0281-02-063

From: TH1 213.0, TH1 214.0

To: TH1 213.1

CSJ 0281-02-039

From: TH1 212.1, TH1 212.1  
To: TH1 212.1

CSJ 2374-01-138

From: HM1 8720, HM1 8725, FT1 1361  
To: FT 1361, FT 1360, HM 8720, HM 8725  
From: 2+2 reversible  
To: 2 reversible

CSJ 2374-01-139

From: HM1 8720, HM1 8725, FT1 1362  
To: FT 1362, FT 1361, FT 1363, FT 1364, HM 8730  
From: 2+2 reversible  
To: 2 reversible

CSJ 0902-48-695

From: TH1 103.0, TH1 103.1, TH1 103.3  
To: TH1 103.0, TH1 103.1, TH1 103.2

CSJ 0091-03-021 (2)

From: TH1 202.2, TH1 202.1  
To: TH1 202.1, TH1 202.0

CSJ 0918-45-793

From: TH1 81.6, TH1 181.5  
To: TH1 81.6, TH1 81.5

CSJ 0549-03-018

From: TH1 209.0, TH1 209.1  
To: FT 2150

CSJ 0918-24-976

From: FR 1695  
To: FR 1920, FR 1925

CSJ 0009-11-129

From: FT 1050, FR 1050, HM 8590, FT 1055, FR 1055  
To: FT 1050, FT 1055, HM 8590, HM 8595

CSJ 0047-14-902

From: FT 1075, FR 1075, FT 1077, FR 1077  
To: FT 1075, FR 1075

CSJ 0094-07-015

From: FT1 1305, FT1 1310

To: FT 1305, FT 1310, FT 1315, FR 1315, HM 8485

CSJ 0094-07-020

From: FT1 1315

To: FT 1315, FR 1315, HM 8490

CSJ 0095-02-096

From: HM1 8530

To: FT 1605, FT 1610, FT 1612, HM 8530, HM 8535

CSJ 0196-01-056

From: FT1 1172, FT1 1175

To: FT 1172, FT 1175, FT 1173, FR 1172, FR 1173, FR 1175,  
HM 8600

CSJ 0196-03-138

From: FM1 1185

To: FT 1185, FR 1185, HM 8615

CSJ 0261-02-044

From: FT1 1590, HM1 8650

To: FT 1590, HM 8655

CSJ 0353-04-056

From: FT1 1430, HM1 8450

To: FT1430, FT 1435, FR 1430, FR 1435, HM 8450, HM 8455

CSJ 0353-06-025

From: FT1 1435, HM1 8455

To: FT 1435, FT 1435, FR 1430, FR 1435, HM 8450, HM 8455

CSJ 0353-06-050

From: FT1 1435, HM1 8455

To: FT 1435, FT 1435, FR 1430, FR 1435, HM 8450, HM 8455

CSJ 0581-02-077

From: FT1 1470, FT1 1475, FT1 1477, HM1 8355, HM1 8360, FR1  
1470,

FR1 1475

To: FT 1470, FT 1475, FT 1477, FR 1470, FR 1475, HM 8355, HM  
8360

CSJ 0918-45-272  
From: TH1 36.0  
To: TH1 36.2

CSJ 2964-06-012  
From: FR1 2005  
To: FT 2105

CSJ 0281-03-043 (Appendix D)  
From: TH1 212.1  
To: TH1 44.2

2. The following are not approved due to inconsistencies between the 2030 MTP-2009 Amendment, the 2009 Transportation Conformity Determination and the revised 2008-2011 STIP:

CSJ 0353-02-037

CSJ 0918-45-862 (408 permits)

CSJ 0095-03-080

CSJ 0261-01-037

Note: This CSJ also needs a MTP reference correction:

From: FR1 1597  
To: FT 1597

CSJ 0353-02-060

Note: This CSJ also needs a MTP reference correction:

From: FT1 1420, FT1 1421  
To: FT 1420, FT 1421, FR 1420, FR 1421

CSJ 0353-06-054

Note: This CSJ also needs a MTP reference correction:

From: FT1 1435, HM1 8455, FR1 1435  
To: FT 1438, FR 1438

CSJ 0442-02-088

Note: This CSJ also needs a MTP reference correction:

From: HM1 8635, FT1 1210  
To: FT 1210, FT 1215, HM 8635, HM 8650

CSJ 1015-01-018

CSJ 1290-02-017

CSJ 1290-03-016

CSJ 1290-03-020

CSJ 2964-01-022

3. CSJ 0918-45-365 should be removed from the 2008-2011 STIP as NCTCOG staff has advised FHWA-TX that the project has been canceled.
4. A consistently dated RSA Table should be provided for 2030 MTP-2009 Amendment, 2009 Transportation Conformity Determination and the revised 2008-2011 STIP.
5. Future submissions of Appendix D should include projects with revisions (only). Additionally project phasing may be removed from Appendix D.
6. CSJ 0422-05-001 is approved subject to an edit to the RSA Table to correct a difference between the 2030 MTP-2009 Amendment, 2009 Transportation Conformity Determination and the revised 2008-2011 STIP.
7. CSJ 0047-06-108 is approved subject to duplicates being removed (i.e., YR 2010: Construction phase and Appendix D: Engineering and Right-of-Way phases).
8. CSJ 0718-02-045 is approved subject to a TIP description revision to match the MTP description. Specifically, the TIP includes an ultimate of 6-lanes while the MTP (ref. TH2 23) refers to 4-lanes.
9. CSJ 2964-10-002 is approved subject to duplicates being removed (i.e., FY 2009: Engineering phase; FY 2010: Right-of-Way phase and Appendix D – Engineering and Right-of-Way phases). Additionally, the TIP “rev. date” field may also need to be updated.
10. The previous exception to CSJ 2374-03-057 is lifted.
11. The previous exception to CSJ 2374-04-049 is lifted.
12. CSJ 0902-48-963 is approved subject to clarification/revision of the project’s description of work (i.e., “ROW acquisition” versus “corridor preservation”).