March 5, 2015

Mr. Ed Hillhouse
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Re: St. Louis Metropolitan Area Mid-Year Air Quality
Conformity Determination for the FY2015-2018
Transportation Improvement Program Amendment and
Related Amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan
2040 for the St. Louis Region

Dear Mr. Hillhouse:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have reviewed the East-West Gateway Council of Governments’ (EWGCOG) January 28, 2015 mid-year Air Quality Conformity Determination. We have determination that the projects and programs included in the St. Louis Region’s FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program and related amendments to the St. Louis Region’s Legacy 2040, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, meet all relevant regional emissions analysis and tests for eight-hour ozone standard and PM_{2.5} standard and are in conformity with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and related Federal regulations.

The Environmental Protection Agency Region VII also indicated their satisfaction with the conformity determination in their February 27, 2015 letter to the FHWA and the FTA.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Brad McMahon of FHWA at (573) 638-2609 or Mark Bechtel of FTA at (816) 329-3937.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Ward and Mr. Ahmad:

This letter responds to your February 17, 2015, request for review and conclusion regarding the Air Quality Conformity Determination for 8-Hour Ozone and Particulate Matter\textsubscript{2.5} for the St. Louis area. The conformity determination relates to the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program and related amendments to the Legacy 2040, Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the St. Louis Region. The East-West Gateway Council of Governments Board of Directors approved the conformity determination on January 28, 2015.

The conformity determination and supporting documents were reviewed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 staff. The EPA finds the conformity determination analysis meets the requirements of the Transportation Conformity Regulations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Heather Hamilton at (913) 551-7039, or by e-mail at Hamilton.heather@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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