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*PROPOSED HVCEO  
ACTION - POSTED  
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PUBLIC REVIEW  
8/4/2010*

**RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY  
WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT FOR LIMITING  
FINE PARTICULATE MATTER (PM 2.5 MICRONS)**

Adopted by HVCEO on 9/16/2010

WHEREAS, the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials (the HVCEO MPO) is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program or when effecting a significant revision of the Region's Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if: the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions; the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures; the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the HVCEO MPO that the plans and programs approved today and/or in effect as of September 16, 2010, and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS, the New York – Northern New Jersey – Long Island, NY-NJ-CT Area is designated a PM 2.5 Nonattainment Area; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has elected to jointly assess conformity in all PM 2.5 nonattainment areas in Connecticut (Fairfield County and New Haven County) and

WHEREAS, the results of the required emissions analysis performed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation on the HVCEO Long Range Transportation Plan and the FFY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program shows that the implementation of the projects contained therein will result in emissions of PM 2.5 in each analysis year that are less than the emissions of the baseline year; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the HVCEO MPO finds that the HVCEO Long Range Transportation Plan and the FFY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the existing Conn DOT July 2010 Particulate Matter 2.5 Conformity Report contingent upon no major adverse comments being received during said period.

CERTIFICATE: The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the HVCEO MPO certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the HVCEO MPO on September 16, 2010.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrea O'Connor, HVCEO Secretary  
and First Selectman of Sherman, CT



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Mr. Richard Dunne, Valley Council of Governments

FROM: *Michael J. Connors*  
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Bureau of Policy and Planning

SUBJECT: PM 2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination

Enclosed is an electronic version of the PM 2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination of the 2007 Regional Transportation Plans and the FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Programs for the Connecticut portion of the NY-NJ-CT PM 2.5 Nonattainment Area. The report shows conformity to the 2006 PM 2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) which was effective December 14, 2009. Conformity to this NAAQS applies by December 14, 2010.

An electronic version of the report will be posted on the Connecticut Department of Transportation's web site. Each Metropolitan Planning Organization shall follow their public involvement procedures to notify the public that a new Air Quality Conformity Analysis has been prepared. Please make the document available for a 30-day comment period and appropriate public meeting.

Please direct any questions or comments regarding the Air Quality Emission Analysis to Ms. Judy Raymond at (860) 594-2032. Provide Ms. Raymond with a resolution stating your Region's endorsement of the conformity determination document.

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Paul Bodner, CTDEP  
Ms. Eloise Powell, FHWA  
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