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Dear Ms. Good:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have received the Fairbanks Metropolitan Area Transportation System (FMATS) Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Technical Appendix for the 2017 – 2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Fairbanks is a carbon monoxide (CO) maintenance area with an approved Limited Maintenance Plan (LMP). The LMP does not require an emission budget or a regional emissions analysis. Other conformity requirements still apply, primarily the requirement for implementation of Traffic Control Measures (TCMs). Fairbanks has two TCMs, one relating to vehicle plug-ins and the other for transit system improvements. Both TCMs are implemented and the requirements for CO conformity are met.

Fairbanks was designated nonattainment for PM 2.5 effective December 14, 2009. A conformity finding for the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) was approved in January 2015. Interagency consultation confirmed that the projects contained in the 2017 – 2020 TIP were either consistent with those contained in the 2040 MTP or were exempt from conformity under 40 CFR 93.126 and 93.127. Since all non-exempt projects were consistent with those in the 2040 MTP, 40 CFR 93.122(g)(1) permits reliance on the regional emissions analysis from the MTP. Each of the criteria under 40 CFR 93.122(g)(1) is met, and the 2040 MTP regional emissions analysis was used for the conformity determination of the 2017 – 2020 TIP.

The FHWA and FTA approve the conformity determination for the FMATS 2017 – 2020 TIP. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. John Lohrey, FHWA Statewide Programs Team Leader at (907) 586-7428, or Mr. Ned Conroy, FTA Community Planner at (206) 220-4318.

Sincerely,



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