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12 MID-REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OF NEW MEXICO

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14 R-15-03 MTB

15 **APPROVING THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WITH**  
16 **AIR QUALITY PLANS FOR**  
17 ***FUTURES 2040*, THE 2040 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION**  
18 **PLAN (2040 MTP), AND THE**  
19 **FFY 2016-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP),**  
20 **FOR THE ALBUQUERQUE METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA**  
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22 WHEREAS the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) of  
23 2012 and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act-A Legacy  
24 for Users (SAFETEA-LU) of 2005 requires metropolitan planning organizations to  
25 develop a long range intermodal/multimodal financially constrained transportation plan  
26 for each metropolitan area; and

27 WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Board (MTB) is the metropolitan  
28 planning organization (MPO) for the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area (AMPA);  
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30 WHEREAS, *Futures 2040*, the 2040 MTP, identifies transportation facilities for  
31 the AMPA to the year 2040 and includes a financial plan which demonstrates how the  
32 plan will be implemented and is shown to be fiscally constrained; and

33 WHEREAS, the 2040 MTP has an associated FFY 2016-2021 Transportation

34 Improvement Program (TIP); and

35 WHEREAS, the MPO received a copy of a letter (Attachment A-1) from the  
36 United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to the FHWA-NM Division which  
37 states: *"The current design value for Carbon Monoxide (CO), based on the latest*  
38 *quality-assured data available at this time is 1.6 parts per million (ppm) for the 8-hour*  
39 *National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for CO and 2.4 ppm for the 1-hour CO*  
40 *NAAQS. These values represent 18% and 7% of the relevant standards, respectively.*  
41 *Therefore, the design value for Albuquerque/Bernalillo County is well below the NAAQS*  
42 *threshold, and thus this criterion of the conformity rule is met."*; and

43 WHEREAS, the MPO received a copy of a letter (Attachment A-2) from the  
44 FHWA-NM Division to the City of Albuquerque Environmental Health/Air Quality Division  
45 which reiterates the statement above and adds: *"With this confirmation that the design*  
46 *values for CO are in line with the Limited Maintenance Plan..."*; and

47 WHEREAS, the 2040 MTP and the FFY 2015-2021 TIP were developed in  
48 accordance with federal metropolitan transportation planning process requirements, as  
49 prescribed in Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 450 (23 CFR 450) and other  
50 relevant regulations, including requirements for interagency consultation, financial  
51 constraint, and public participation; and

52 WHEREAS, the 2040 MTP and the FFY 2016-2021 TIP conform to Air Quality  
53 Plans, which include the Transportation Conformity State Implementation Plan (SIP)  
54 and the *2006-2016 Limited Maintenance Plan for Carbon Monoxide: Albuquerque-*  
55 *Bernalillo County*; and

56 WHEREAS, the MTB is responsible for local approval of the Transportation  
57 Conformity for the 2040 MTP, and the FFY 2016-2021 TIP;

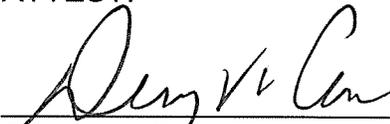
58 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Metropolitan Transportation  
59 Board of the Mid-Region Council of Governments of New Mexico that the 2040 MTP  
60 and the FFY 2016-2021 TIP are hereby found to conform to the State Implementation  
61 Plans for the Albuquerque/Bernalillo maintenance area;

62 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is certified the 2040 MTP and the FFY  
63 2016-2021 TIP were developed in conformance to 23 CFR 450 and other applicable  
64 regulations and are fiscally constrained.

65 PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2015 by the  
66 Metropolitan Transportation Board of the Mid-Region Council of Governments of New  
67 Mexico.

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Debbie O'Malley, Chair  
Metropolitan Transportation Board

ATTEST:

  
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Dewey V. Cave  
Executive Director, Mid-Region Council of Government  
Executive Secretary, Metropolitan Transportation Board



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Mr. J. Don Martinez  
Division Administrator  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Highway Administration  
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Dear Mr. Martinez:

In preparation for the planned transportation conformity determination currently underway by the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG), the Albuquerque Environmental Health Department has requested my office confirm the current carbon monoxide design value for Albuquerque/Bernalillo County. Albuquerque/Bernalillo County is under an EPA-approved Limited Maintenance Plan for carbon monoxide (CO) and thus must demonstrate that the design value is sufficiently below the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for CO in order to support a finding of conformity by the MRCOG or by the Federal Highway Administration.

The current design value for CO, based on the latest quality-assured data available at this time, is 1.6 ppm for the 8-hour CO NAAQS and 2.4 ppm for the 1-hour CO NAAQS. These values represent 18% and 7% of the relevant standards, respectively. Therefore, the design value for Albuquerque/Bernalillo County is well below the NAAQS threshold, and thus this criterion of the conformity rule is met.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Jeff Riley of my staff at (214) 665-8542.

Sincerely yours,

  
Guy Donaldson  
Chief  
Air Planning Section



cc: Ms. Margaret Nieto  
City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department

Mr. Dave Penella  
Mid-Region Council of Governments

Mr. Greg Heitmann  
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Federal Transit Administration



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**New Mexico Division**

December 23, 2014

**R-15-03 MTB Attachment A-2**

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In Reply Refer To:  
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Ms. Margaret Nieto  
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Environmental Health/Air Quality Division  
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Albuquerque, NM 87103

Dear Ms. Nieto:

This letter is to acknowledge the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) review of the design values for Carbon Monoxide (CO). The review is provided for the on-going transportation conformity determination by the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). As described in the EPA letter dated December 1, 2014, the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County area is under an EPA-approved Limited Maintenance Plan for CO. Under this plan, the design value for CO must be below the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for CO in order to demonstrate conformity by MRCOG and the Federal Highway Administration.

The EPA has reviewed the design values associated with the MRCOG managed Metropolitan Planning Organization area for Albuquerque/Bernalillo County. They have noted that the CO design value for the area of concern is well below NAAQS thresholds and thus meets the criterion of the conformity rule and requirements for the Limited Maintenance Plan. For this determination, based on the latest quality-assured data available at this time, the values were 1.6 ppm for the 8-hour CO NAAQS and 2.4 ppm for the 1-hour CO NAAQS. These values represent 18% and 7% of the relevant standards respectively.

With this confirmation that the design values for CO are in line with the Limited Maintenance Plan, we expect MRCOG to complete the transportation conformity determination associated with the 2040 MTP as scheduled. If you have questions, please contact me at (505) 660-7626 or by email at [greg.heitmann@dot.gov](mailto:greg.heitmann@dot.gov).

Sincerely yours,

Gregory L. Heitmann  
Environmental Specialist

For: J. Don Martinez  
Division Administrator

Enclosure

cc:  
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Ms. Anne McLaughlin, NMDOT, Planning  
Mr. Tony Ogboli, FTA