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Achille Alonzi, Division Administrator
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Via Email

Subject: Transportation Conformity Review and Concurrence

Dear Achille Alonzi:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the *2021 Transportation Conformity* report and associated documents submitted by the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) for *Mobility 2045* and the *2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Alamo Area*. The TCEQ is satisfied that all requirements have been met and transportation conformity has been demonstrated.

The purpose of this conformity analysis was to determine if the AAMPO's 2045 metropolitan transportation plan (MTP) and the 2021-2024 TIP are consistent with area emissions requirements for the Bexar County Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) Nonattainment Area. Bexar County is a marginal ozone NAAQS nonattainment area without previously approved motor vehicle emissions budgets; therefore, the area is subject to an interim conformity test per 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §93.119(b)(2). The AAMPO performed a *no-greater-than-baseline* test (40 CFR §93.119(b)(2)(ii)), comparing nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and volatile organic compounds (VOC) emissions from the area's transportation system for the 2017 baseline year with projected NO_x and VOC emissions from the area's MTP and TIP for applicable analysis years: 2025, 2035, and 2045. The AAMPO determined that projected emissions were no greater than baseline-year emissions for each analysis year.

If you have any questions about our review, please contact Jamie Zech of my staff at 512-239-3935 or jamie.zech@tceq.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Huff".

Donna F. Huff, Deputy Director
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