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Mr. Eugene A. Conti, Jr.
Secretary, North Carolina Department of Transportation
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Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Secretary Conti:

We reviewed the Metrolina Area Transportation Conformity Determination Report for the:

- Mecklenburg Union Metropolitan Planning Organization (MUMPO), the Gaston MPO and the Cabarrus Rowan MPO 2035 Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTPs)
- MUMPO, Gaston MPO and the Cabarrus Rowan MPO FY 2009-2015 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs)
- Projects from the FY 2009-2015 State TIP for the county donut areas of Gaston, Iredell (partial), Lincoln and Union

The MUMPO, Gaston MPO and the Cabarrus Rowan MPO made conformity determinations on the 2035 LRTPs/FY 2009-2015 TIPs and the North Carolina Department of Transportation made conformity determinations on projects from the FY 2009-2015 State TIPs on the following dates:

- MUMPO on March 24, 2010
- Gaston MPO on March 23, 2010
- Cabarrus Rowan MPO March 24, 2010
- The NCDOT (for the county donut areas of Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln and Union) on March 22, 2010

The MUMPO, the Gaston MPO and the Cabarrus Rowan MPO FY 2009-2015 TIPs are direct subsets of the 2035 LRTPs.

The Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration have reviewed these documents. We have also coordinated our review with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 and have enclosed their comments to this letter.

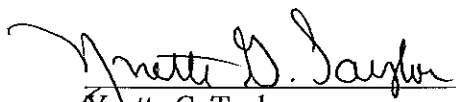
Based on our review and the comments provided to us by the EPA, we find that the following conform to the purpose of the State Implementation Plan (or interim emissions tests, in areas



where no State Implementation Plan is approved or found adequate by EPA) in accordance with 40 CFR Part 93:

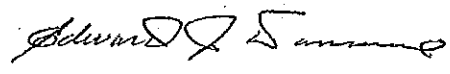
- The MUMPO, the Gaston MPO and the Cabarrus Rowan MPO 2035 LRTPs
- The MUMPO, Gaston MPO and the Cabarrus Rowan MPO FY 2009-2015 TIPs
 - *Including MUMPO TIP amendments for projects R-2248E and R2123CE*
- Projects from the FY 2009-2015 State TIP for the county donut areas of Gaston, Iredell (partial), Lincoln and Union

Sincerely,



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Sincerely,



For John F. Sullivan III, P.E.
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Enclosure