

**AIR QUALITY RESOLUTION FOR NONATTAINMENT  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS**

Conformity of the Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in accordance with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

**WHEREAS** the Congress of the United States enacted the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 which was signed into law and became effective on November 15, 1990, hereafter referred to as "the CAAA"; and,

**WHEREAS** the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under the authority of the CAAA, has defined the geographic boundaries for areas that have been found to be in non-attainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone, carbon monoxide, and particulate matter; and,

**WHEREAS** on July 25, 2007 the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS) area has been re-designated under the eight-hour ozone standard as an attainment area by EPA with motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEBs) established in the State Implementation Plan (SIP) maintenance plan and an ozone attainment year of 2009;

**WHEREAS** effective April 5, 2005, the Cumberland and Dauphin County portion of the HATS MPO has been designated under the 1997 Fine Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) annual standard (as retained under the 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS) as a non-attainment area by EPA; and,

**WHEREAS** effective December 14, 2009, the Cumberland and Dauphin County portion of the HATS MPO has been designated under the 2006 Fine Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) 24-hour standard as a non-attainment area by EPA, with a mandated conformity determination date of no later than December 14, 2010 as required by the CAAA; and,

**WHEREAS** the transportation plans and programs are required to conform to the purposes of the State Implementation Plan and Sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the CAAA (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)); and,

**WHEREAS** the EPA issued the Final Rule on Transportation Conformity on November 24, 1993 for transportation plans and programs and projects; and,

**WHEREAS** the EPA amended the Final Conformity Rule various times between 1996 and present; and,

**WHEREAS** the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the area, is responsible for the development of transportation plans and programs in accordance with Section 134 of Title 23, which requires coordination and public participation with the State DOT; and,

**WHEREAS** the final conformity rule (and subsequent amendments) requires that the HATS Coordinating Committee determine that the transportation plans and programs conform with the CAAA requirements by meeting the criteria described in the final guidelines.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Harrisburg Metropolitan Planning Organization has found that the Regional Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) contribute to the achievement and maintenance of the ambient air quality standards; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS) finds that the Regional Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) are consistent with the final conformity rule issued on November 24, 1993 and subsequent amendments.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the HATS Coordinating Committee at its meeting on June 25, 2010.

**ATTEST:**

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Commissioner Jeffrey T. Haste  
HATS Vice Chairman

By

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PA Representative Mark K. Keller  
HATS Chairman