

## ***Resolution on*** ***AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY***

**WHEREAS**, the Capitol Region Council of Governments is required to submit an “Air Quality Conformity Statement” to the U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) in accordance with the criteria of the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFE 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program or when effecting a significant revision of the Region’s Transportation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if: 1) the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions; 2) the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures; and 3) the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the opinion of the Capitol Region Council of Governments that the plans and programs to be considered today January 25, 2012 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Connecticut has elected to assess conformity in the Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT Ozone Moderate Nonattainment Area (Fairfield, New Haven and Middlesex Counties) and the Greater Connecticut Ozone Moderate Nonattainment Area (Hartford, New London, Tolland, Windham and Litchfield counties), and the Connecticut Department of Transportation has jointly assessed the impact of all transportation plans and programs in these Nonattainment Areas (Ozone Air Quality Conformity Report November 2011); and

**WHEREAS**, the Connecticut Department of Transportation assessment has found that plans and programs jointly meet mobile source emissions guidelines advanced by EPA pursuant to Section 7506 (3) (A),

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Capitol Region Council of Governments that based on the analysis performed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation, we find that the 2011 Capitol Region Transportation Plan and the FFY 2012-2015 Capitol Region TIP conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A).

*I certify that the above is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the  
CRCOG Policy Board at its meeting on January 25, 2012.*

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Signed if endorsed  
**Richard Barlow, Secretary**  
**Capitol Region Council of Governments**

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**Date**