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Mr. J. Eric Boyette, Secretary,
North Carolina Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Boyette:

The Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 reviewed the Metrolina Region Transportation Conformity Determination Report (CDR) and supporting documentation for the:

- ❑ The Cabarrus Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization (CRMPO) made a conformity determination on their 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the CRMPO FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments on March 23, 2022.
- ❑ The Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) made a conformity determination on their 2050 MTP and the CRTPO FY 2020-2023 TIP amendments on March 23, 2022.
- ❑ The Gaston Cleveland Lincoln MPO (GCLMPO) made a conformity determination on their 2050 MTP (GCLMPO) and the GCLMPO FY 2020-2023 TIP amendments on March 24, 2022.
- ❑ The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) made a conformity determination on the projects from the FY 2020-2023 from the State FY 2020-2029 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the county donut area of Union on March 17, 2022.

No comments were received on the CDR and comments received on the MTPs and TIP amendments were addressed by the MPOs.

Based on the February 16, 2018, South Coast Air Quality Management District vs EPA ruling, we find the FY 2020-2023 TIPs are a direct subset of the MPOs Metropolitan Transportation Plans.

Based on our review, we find that the 2050 MTP and TIP amendments for the CRMPO, CRTPO, GCLMPO and the donut area of Union County conform to the purpose of the State Implementation Plan in accordance with 40 CFR Part 93.

This letter serves to end the Transportation Conformity lapse grace period for the CRMPO, CRTPO, GCLMPO and the donut area of Union County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joretha W. Bauer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

For John F. Sullivan, III, P.E.
Division Administrator

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