

## **AIR QUALITY RESOLUTION FOR LACKAWANNA/LUZERNE MPO**

Conformity of the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan and the 2011-2014 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 “CAA”; and,

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

**WHEREAS** the Lackawanna/Luzerne MPO has been re-designated under the eight-hour ozone standard as an attainment area for the 8-hour ozone standard by EPA,

**WHEREAS** based on the approved maintenance plan, Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets (MVEBS) transportation conformity for the 8-hour ozone standard must demonstrate that future year emissions are no greater than the established 2009 and 2018 emissions budgets; 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 CAA (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, programs and projects; and,

**WHEREAS** the EPA amended the Final Conformity Rule three (3) times between 1996 and 1998; and,

**WHEREAS** the Lackawanna/Luzerne Transportation Study Area, the MPO for Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties in Pennsylvania 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 Lackawanna/Luzerne MPO Coordinating Committee determines that the transportation plans and programs conform to the CAA requirements by meeting criteria described in the final guidelines.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Lackawanna/Luzerne MPO Coordinating Committee has found that the Long Range Transportation Plan and

the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program contribute to the achievement and maintenance of the ambient air quality standards; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Lackawanna/Luzerne MPO Coordinating Committee finds that the Long Range Transportation Plan and 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program are consistent with the final conformity rule issued on November 14, 1993.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the MPO Coordinating Committee on July 28, 2010.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

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Date  
Adrian F. Merolli, Secretary  
Lackawanna/Luzerne MPO

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Date  
George J. Roberts, P.E., Chairman  
Lackawanna/Luzerne MPO