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Subject: Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
(STIP) Amendment Approval (Highways Only) # 85

Dear Commissioner Eucalitto:

We have completed our review of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment #85 (Highways Only) request from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), dated April 11, 2024.

In accordance with the 1990 Clean Air Act (CAA), as amended, and 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 450.326, the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) must make a new conformity determination if a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment involves adding a non-exempt project, in accordance with 40 CFR 93.104(2). Based on our Interagency Consultation Procedures and evaluation of the material submitted, these projects will not result in emissions that would prevent conformity with the Statewide Implementation Plan or are projects listed by EPA as air quality exempt projects. FHWA has determined that the TIPs remain in conformity with the 1990 CAA, as amended and 40 CFR 93.

Furthermore, we are making the following determinations:

1. The projects in the STIP are based on a planning process that substantially meets the requirements of Title 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) 134 and 135, 49 USC 5303-5305, and 23 CFR 450, Subparts A, B, and C; and,
2. The metropolitan Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) are based on a continuing, comprehensive transportation planning process carried on cooperatively by the State, the Connecticut MPOs and transit operators, in accordance with the provisions of Title 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135 and 49 U.S.C. 5303-5305.

Based on the above findings, and on behalf of the FTA, the FHWA has determined the FFY 2021-2024 STIP (Highways Only), as revised by Amendment #85, meets the requirements to an acceptable degree, and is hereby approved.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (860) 494-7567 or jennifer.brady@dot.gov .

Sincerely,

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