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Mr. Garrett Eucalitto, Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Transportation
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Subject: Connecticut FY 2025-28 STIP Amendment #31 (Transit Only) Approval

Dear Commissioner Eucalitto:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has completed our review of the Connecticut DOT State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment #31, transmitted on June 5, 2026, for changes to the FFY 2025-2028 STIP.

Per our letter to the Department dated August 1, 2024, CTDOT was issued several recommendations, one of which involved the development of business rules and workflows associated with eSTIP. FHWA and FTA understand the challenges with implementing a new electronic system and will review and approve STIP amendments via letter and email. We will also continue to collaborate with CTDOT to work toward eSTIP training and STIP approval in the EcoInteractive Project Tracker program.

In accordance with the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments, a conformity determination is not needed since the projects in these amendments either fall under the air quality conformity exemptions for Mass Transit (40 CFR §93.126, Table 2) or have been modeled and included in the State's air quality analysis.

After review of the amendment package, we make the following determinations:

1. The projects in the STIP are based on a planning process that substantially meets the requirements of Title 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. Section 5303-5305, and 23 C.F.R. 450 Subparts A, B, and C.
2. The component TIPs are based on a continuing, comprehensive transportation planning process carried on cooperatively with the State, the MPOs, and the transit operators in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135 and 49 U.S.C. 5303-5305.
3. The changes called for in this STIP amendment maintain financial constraint as required under 23 CFR 450.218(m).

On behalf of the Federal Highway Administration, the FTA has determined that the STIP, as revised based on the amendment package substantially meets all requirements and is hereby approved. Please contact Brandon Burns at 617-494-6310 or Brandon.Burns@dot.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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