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Subject: Federal Fiscal Year 2025-2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
(STIP) Amendment Approval (Highways Only) # 6

Dear Commissioner Eucalitto:

We have completed our review of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025-2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment #6 (Highways Only) request from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), dated January 3, 2025, transmitted via email the morning of January 6, 2025 and updated and retransmitted the afternoon of January 6, 2025.

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. We are in receipt of a draft *ProjectTracker User Training Guide* that outlines general workflow steps and provided comments to CTDOT on December 18 and December 30, 2024. FHWA and FTA will review and approve STIP amendments via letter and email and continue to collaborate with CTDOT in the coming months to work toward STIP approval in the eSTIP platform.

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 2025-2028 STIP (Highways Only), as revised by Amendment #6, 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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