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Mr. Jim Stark  
Deputy Commissioner  
Planning and Project Management  
Indiana Department of Transportation  
100 North Senate Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
Dear Mr. Stark:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the documents necessary to make an air quality conformity finding on the Michiana Area Council of Governments' (MACOG's) Update of the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the amendments to FY 2010-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management, the Indiana Department of Transportation, and the US Environmental Protection Agency have completed their reviews and recommended that we find that the Update of the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the amendments to FY 2010-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the South Bend/Elkhart metropolitan planning area conforms to the applicable air quality conformity requirements. Appropriate consultation and public involvement on the conformity analyses was completed.

Therefore, FHWA and FTA find the MACOG's Update to the 2035 MTP and the amendments to the FY 2010-2014 TIP conform as required by the conformity rule. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Newland, Planning & Environmental Specialist, at 317-226-5353 or at [joyce.newland@dot.gov](mailto:joyce.newland@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

Robert F. Tally Jr., P.E.  
Division Administrator

