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Mr. Daniel Suarez
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Virginia Division
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Via email at daniel.suarez@dot.gov

Dear Mr. Suarez:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the conformity determinations for the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization and Tri-Cities Metropolitan Planning Organization (RRTPO AND TCMPO) for the 1997 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The EPA has reviewed the conformity determinations in accordance with the procedures and criteria of the Transportation Conformity Rule contained in 40 CFR part 93.

The EPA's review of the conformity determinations indicates that the determination meets the requirements of the Clean Air Act and the applicable regulations promulgated under 40 CFR part 93. Enclosed, please find the EPA's detailed evaluation titled "Technical Support Document (TSD) - Review of the 1997 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) Conformity Determination for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) and Tri-Cities Metropolitan Planning Organization (TCMPO)." It should be noted that in the technical support document, the EPA is deferring to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on the question of whether the 2045 LRTP and TIP are fiscally constrained. The EPA concurs on the overall conformity determination based on the FHWA's determination that the 2045 LRTP and TIP are fiscally constrained.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Gordon, Chief, Planning & Implementation Branch, Air & Radiation Division, 1600 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, at 215-814-2039 or gordon.mike@epa.gov or Gregory Becoat, at (410) 305-3026 or becoat.gregory@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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1. 1997 O2 2027-2030 TIP 2045 LRTP- Richmond Area Conformity Determination TSD

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