

CENTRE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CCMPO)

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY RESOLUTION

Conformity of the 2009-2012 Centre County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2008 Update in accordance with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States enacted the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 which was signed into law and became effective on November 15, 1990, hereafter referred to as the CAAA; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under the authority of the CAAA, has defined the geographic boundaries for areas that have been found to be in nonattainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone, carbon monoxide and particulate matter; and,

WHEREAS, Centre County has been designated as a maintenance area under EPA's eight-hour ozone standard with a designated attainment date of November 15, 2009 as required by the CAAA; and,

WHEREAS, transportation plans and programs are required to conform to the purpose of the State Implementation Plan and Sections 174 and 176 (c and d) of the CAAA [42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c and d)]; and,

WHEREAS, the EPA issued the Final Rule on Transportation Conformity on November 24, 1993 for transportation plans, programs and projects; and

WHEREAS, the EPA amended the Final Conformity Rule various times between 1996 and 2005; and,

WHEREAS, the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) [Centre County MSA] is responsible for the development of transportation plans and programs in accordance with Section 134 of Title 23, which requires coordination and public participation with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT); and

WHEREAS, the final conformity rule (and subsequent amendments) requires the CCMPO to determine that the transportation plans and programs conform with the CAAA requirements by meeting criteria described in the final guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CCMPO has found that the 2009-2012 Centre County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan 2008 Update are consistent with the final conformity rule issued on November 24, 1993 and subsequent amendments.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY:

CCMPO Coordinating Committee on July 16, 2008.

ATTEST:

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BY:

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