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Mr. Richard T. Hammer Commissioner New Jersey Department of Transportation P.O. Box 600 Trenton, NJ 08625-0600

Dear Commissioner Hammer:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) of the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) have reviewed the New Jersey Department of Transportation's 2018-2021 portion of the FY 2018-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

We find the STIP is in compliance with the requirements of 23 USC Sections 134 and 135 and the Statewide and Metropolitan Planning Regulations as outlined in 23 CFR Section 450 and 49 USC Sections 5303-5306.

The USDOT also finds that New Jersey's Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Programs and the Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTP) are adequately based on a continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative planning process as carried out by the NJDOT, New Jersey Transit, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization in accordance with the requirements of 23 USC Section 134 and Sections 5303 and 5313 of the Federal Transit Act.

The FHWA and FTA, in concurrence with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, have determined that conformity has been demonstrated for the FY 2018-2021 portion of the STIP and each of the LRTPs for all non-attainment and maintenance areas of New Jersey. These findings are consistent with the Statewide Implementation Plan and adequately address and conform to the requirements contained in the Federal Conformity Rule and the Clean Air Act and its subsequent amendments.

The Federal Transit Administration, Region 2 (FTA), and Federal Highway Administration New Jersey (NJ) would like to take this opportunity to remind State DOTs and New Jersey Transit of the need to adequately address the planning requirements identified in the final rule on metropolitan and statewide planning published in the Federal Register on May 27, 2016. This final rule addresses changes to the transportation planning process stemming from Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST) including Performance Based Planning and Programming (PBPP). This will require all transportation agencies to begin to incorporate performance metrics into the project delivery process and in the administration of the same during implementation of both capital and non-construction projects and programs.

If you have any questions, please contact either Calvin Edghill at (609) 637-4230 or Donald Burns (212) 668-2203.

Sincerely,

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