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In Reply Refer To:
HPD-OH

Subject: PM 2.5 Project Level Conformity Determination
Non-exempt projects 2008-2011 STIP

Dear Director Molitoris:

This letter responds to ODOT-Office of Environmental Services July 20, 2009 request for project level PM 2.5 conformity determination for four projects (*list attached*). The FHWA Ohio Division has reviewed and consulted with FTA Region 5 and USEPA Region 5 to determine the status of these projects.

Section 176(c)(1)(B) states that all projects in nonattainment areas are subject to transportation conformity. The March 10, 2006 final rule requires PM 2.5 and PM 10 hot-spot analyses to be performed for projects of air quality concern. USEPA has determined that projects not identified in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1) as projects of air quality concern have met statutory requirements and are exempt from further hot-spot analysis (40 CFR 93.116(a)).

Based upon our review of the project listing and through consultation with FTA and USEPA, we find that projects on the attached list are not projects of air quality concern and that they have met the statutory requirements of the Clean Air Act and are exempt from further hot-spot analysis per 40 CFR 93.116(a). Documents prepared to satisfy NEPA requirements for the subject projects should cite this letter when discussing the status of project level conformity.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ms. Leigh Oesterling, Air Quality Specialist, at (614) 280-6837, or leigh.oesterling@fhwa.dot.gov.

Sincerely,

For:

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Dist	Project Name	PID	County	Project Description	Sponsoring Agency	Air Quality Status	Fiscal Yr	Type A ADT (opening yr)	Diesel Trucks (opening yr)	Type A ADT (design yr)	Diesel Trucks (design yr)	Type A ADT (opening yr)	Diesel Trucks (opening yr)	Type A ADT (design yr)	Diesel Trucks (design yr)			
3	MED-Quadral Drive	86081	MED	Project involves extending existing Quadral Drive to connect to Seville Road to improve traffic flow in the area.	Wadsworth	Nonexempt	2011	0	0	0	1290	14	147					
6	FRA-US62-1.21	17831	FRA	Replace 700' bridge over the Scioto River on modified alignment. The new bridge will connect to Rich Street (old connection was Town Street)	ODOT	Nonexempt	2011											
6	FRA-CR122-2.52	84502	FRA	Upgrade the intersection of Alum Creek Drive and Groveport Road. Also, construct a SB Alum Creek Drive on ramp to IR270 WB.	Obeiz	Nonexempt	2011	11766	3%	284	13250	3%	320					
8	CLE-SR74/College Drive	82761	CLE	Construct 0.5 miles of new roadway connecting old SR74 to College Drive at the entry to Clermont College.	Clermont County Engineer	Nonexempt	2011	15111	12% and 20%	2528	24118	12% and 20%	4083					
								0	0	0	960	4%	28					