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Dear Mr. Couch:

The Kentucky Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Region 4 of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), in consultation with the Indiana Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration and Regions 4 and 5 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), have reviewed the following documents:

**Amendment 3 to the 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and
Amendment 3 to the 2030 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the
Louisville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
(MPO resolution approval date November 29, 2011)**

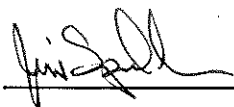
The Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet's Division for Air Quality, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Division of Planning, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Office of Transportation Delivery, the Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District, and the Transit Authority of River City also had an opportunity to review and comment on the aforementioned documents.

We found that this document meets the five primary criteria of the Transportation Conformity Rule:

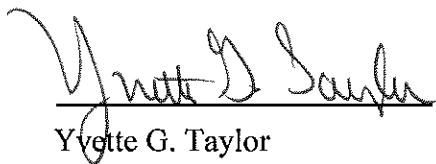
- use of the latest planning assumptions,
- use of the latest emissions model,
- use of appropriate consultation procedures,
- consistency with the mobile source emission budgets in the State Implementation Plan (SIP), and
- provisions for timely implementation of transportation control measures in the SIP.

We also found that these documents met the criteria outlined in the Transportation Conformity Rule Revision for the 8-hour Ozone and PM_{2.5} Standards and the Transportation Conformity Rule Revision for PM_{2.5}.

We therefore find that the aforementioned document conforms to the 8-hour Ozone and PM_{2.5} standards. However, Kentucky's Division for Air Quality (KYDAQ) has requested that future documents submitted with the request for a conformity determination clarify the information regarding development of annual emission estimates. Enclosed is a copy of KYDAQ's letter detailing the need for this clarification.



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