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Mr. Richard T. Hammer
Acting Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Transportation
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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 (NJDOT) Fiscal Year 2016-2019 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

We find that 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 2016-2019 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.
Based on the above, the FY 2016-2019 New Jersey STIP is approved for projects shown in the FY 2016 program with the remaining three years (FY 2017-19) contingent upon the Governor and State Legislature approving a financial plan for transportation revenues to demonstrate that funding is either available or committed under 23 CFR 450.216 (i)(3) and 49 USC 5304 (g)(5) (F).

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