

Resolution 2019-15

Adoption of the Transportation/Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Orange County Portion of the NY-NJ-CT PM2.5 Maintenance Area and the 1997 Poughkeepsie, NY Ozone Non-Attainment Area

WHEREAS, the Orange County Transportation Council (OCTC) has been designated by the Governor of the State of New York as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for Orange County; and,

WHEREAS, OCTC is required to submit a Transportation/Air Quality Conformity Determination to the U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when an MPO, or another MPO in the same non-attainment area, makes significant revisions to transportation projects in its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and/or Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP); and,

WHEREAS, Orange County has been designated to be a part of the New York, New Jersey, Connecticut air quality maintenance area for fine particulate matter (PM2.5) along with New York City, Long Island, Westchester and Rockland Counties; and,

WHEREAS, Orange County is also part of the Poughkeepsie, NY 1997 ozone nonattainment area comprised of Dutchess, Orange and Putnam Counties; and,

WHEREAS, an update to the OCTC LRTP necessitated the need to reevaluate transportation/air quality conformity for the 1997 Poughkeepsie NY Ozone Non-Attainment Area and the NY portion of the NY-NJ-CT PM2.5 Non-Attainment Area; and,

WHEREAS, OCTC has coordinated with DCTC and NYMTC on the transportation/air quality conformity and the regional emissions analyses as required; and,

WHEREAS, the transportation conformity determination process completed for the 2045 OCTC LRTP demonstrates that they meet the Clean Air Act and Transportation Conformity rule requirements for the 1997 ozone NAAQS and the emissions budgets for PM2.5; and,

WHEREAS, a 30-day public comment period on the conformity determination and accompanying OCTC 2045 LRTP was issued to begin on October 18 and end November 16, 2019; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Orange County Transportation Council adopts the attached air quality conformity determination statement for the

Orange County portion of the NY-NJ-CT PM2.5 Maintenance Area and the 1997 Poughkeepsie Ozone Non-attainment Area.

CERTIFICATE: The undersigned duly qualified Secretary of the Orange County Transportation Council certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the voting members of the Council on November 26, 2019.

Date: _____

By: _____

Lance MacMillan, P.E., Secretary
Orange County Transportation Council