

## AIR QUALITY RESOLUTION FOR THE READING MPO

Conformity of the FFY 2025–2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan in Accordance with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

**WHEREAS** the Congress of the United States enacted the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 which was signed into law and became effective on November 15, 1990, hereafter referred to as "the CAAA"; and,

**WHEREAS** the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under the authority of the CAAA, has defined the geographic boundaries for areas that have been found to be in non-attainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone and particulate matter; and,

**WHEREAS** the Reading Metropolitan Planning Organization area was designated under the 2008 eight-hour ozone standard as a marginal non-attainment area by EPA with an effective date of July 20, 2012; and,

**WHEREAS** effective April 5, 2005, the Reading Metropolitan Planning Organization area has been designated under the 1997 Fine Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) annual standard as a non-attainment area by EPA; and,

**WHEREAS** effective December 22, 2014, the Reading Metropolitan Planning Organization area was redesignated as an attainment area under the 1997 annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS with an approved Maintenance State Implementation Plan that includes motor vehicle emission budgets; and,

**WHEREAS** effective October 24, 2016, the EPA finalized the option that revokes the 1997 primary annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS in areas that have been designated attainment or maintenance of that NAAQS removing the transportation conformity requirements for this NAAQS; and,

**WHEREAS** the transportation plans and programs are required to conform to the purposes of the State Implementation Plan and Sections 174 and 176 (c and d) of the CAAA (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c and d)); and,

**WHEREAS** the EPA issued the Final Rule on Transportation Conformity on November 24, 1993 for transportation plans and programs and projects; and,

**WHEREAS** the EPA amended the Final Conformity Rule various times between 1996 and present; and,

**WHEREAS** the Reading Area Transportation Study, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Berks County, Pennsylvania, is responsible for the development of transportation plans and programs in accordance with Section 134 of Title 23, which requires coordination and public participation with the State DOT; and,

**WHEREAS** the final conformity rule (and subsequent amendments) requires that the Reading Area Transportation Study Coordinating Committee determine that the transportation plans and programs conform to the CAAA requirements by meeting the criteria described in the final guidelines.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Reading Area Transportation Study Coordinating Committee has found that the FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) contribute to the achievement and maintenance of the ambient air quality standards; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Reading Area Transportation Study Coordinating Committee finds that the FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan are consistent with the Final Conformity Rule issued on November 24, 1993, and subsequent amendments.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Reading Area Transportation Study Coordinating Committee on **May 16, 2024**.

ATTEST:

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Alan D. Piper

Reading MPO Secretary

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Reading MPO Chairperson