

**RESOLUTION BY THE
Calvert – St. Mary’s Metropolitan Planning Organization Council
Amending the FY 2015 – FY 2018 Transportation Improvement Program
RESOLUTION 03-2016**

WHEREAS, the Calvert – St. Mary’s Metropolitan Planning Organization (C–SMMPO) was established to conduct regional transportation planning for the C–SMMPO area in accordance with federal requirements; and

WHEREAS, Calvert County is a member of both the C–SMMPO and is included in the Metropolitan Washington DC-MD-VA 8-Hour Ozone Non-Attainment area; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) makes a determination of conformity of the TPB’s financially Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with the state implementation plans (SIPs) for air quality attainment within the Metropolitan Washington DC-MD-VA 8-Hour Ozone Non-Attainment area; and

WHEREAS, the “Agreement between the TPB and the C-SMMPO and Calvert County, Maryland on the conformity analysis and determination of transportation plans, programs, and projects in Calvert County, Maryland” was executed on January 27, 2016, and the purpose of the agreement is to specify the procedures for ensuring that transportation plans, programs, and projects in Calvert County are assessed by the TPB for regional air quality conformity as is required in the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (with subsequent amendments); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAAA), issued on November 24, 1993 "Criteria and Procedures for Determining Conformity to State or Federal Implementation Plans of Transportation Plans, Programs, and Projects Funded or Approved Under Title 23 U.S.C. or the Federal Transit Act," and, over the years, subsequently amended these regulations and provided additional guidance, which taken together provide the specific criteria for TPB to make a determination of conformity of its financially Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with the state implementation plans (SIPs) for air quality attainment within the Metropolitan Washington non-attainment area; and

WHEREAS, a scope of work was developed for the TPB to address all procedures and requirements, including public and interagency consultation, including Calvert County, and the scope was released for public comment on January 15, 2015, approved by the TPB at its February 18, 2015 meeting, and amended to include the use of EPA’s new Motor Vehicle Emissions Model (MOVES 2014) on April 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Calvert County highway and transit project inputs were submitted to TPB for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis of the TPB’s 2015 CLRP and were released for public comment on January 15, 2015, and approved by the TPB at its February 18, 2015 meeting; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2015, the draft results of the TPB’s Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the 2015 CLRP Amendment were released for a 30-day public comment period and inter-agency review; and

WHEREAS, the analysis reported in Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the 2015 Constrained Long Range Plan for the Washington Metropolitan Region, dated October 21, 2015, demonstrates adherence to all mobile source emissions budgets for all pollutants analyzed: (1) ground level ozone precursors- Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) and Nitrogen Oxides (NOx), (2) fine particulate matter – PM2.5 direct and PM2.5 Precursor NOx, and (3) Wintertime Carbon Monoxide (CO), meets all regulatory, planning and interagency consultation requirements, and therefore provides the basis for a finding of conformity of the plan with the requirements of the CAAA; and

WHEREAS, USDOT approved the TPB's Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2015 CLRP for the Washington Metropolitan Region on February 4, 2016,

WHEREAS, the C-SMMPO long range plan called "Moving Forward 2040" contains the same projects in Calvert County identified in the TPB's 2015 CLRP,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CALVERT – ST. MARY'S METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION determines that the TPB's 2015 Constrained Long Range Plan, which includes the Calvert County projects, and the C-SMMPO Moving Forward 2040 plan conform to all requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

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Date



Steven R. Weems, Chairman, C – SMMPO Council