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Honorable Rick Perry
Office of the Governor of Texas
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Dear Governor Perry:

This letter is to inform you that the Dallas-Fort Worth air quality nonattainment area will enter into an anticipated 24-hour transportation conformity lapse on June 15, 2005. A conformity determination to the new eight-hour ozone standard is due by that date. Motor vehicle emissions budgets that are used in the conformity analysis were approved by the Environmental Protection Agency in a June 1, 2005 Federal Register notice with an effective date of June 16. Our offices cannot sign a conformity determination until these budgets are effective. It is anticipated that the short conformity lapse will have little to no effect on the transportation program for the area.

The nonattainment area encompasses Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, and Tarrant counties in their entirety. During the conformity lapse, FHWA and FTA will not be able to authorize projects utilizing federal funds, take final action on environmental documents, or approve revisions to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for these counties.

We expect to issue our conformity determination as early as possible on June 16. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please call Mike Leary of FHWA at (512) 536-5940 or Peggy Crist of FTA at (817) 978-0550.

Sincerely yours,

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