

**Lackawanna Luzerne Transportation Study
Metropolitans Planning Organization (LLTS MPO) Air
Quality Conformity Resolution**

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2007, the Lackawanna Luzerne Transportation Study Area was re-designated under the 1997 8-hour ozone standard as an attainment (maintenance) area by EPA with motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) established in the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision maintenance plan; and,

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2015, EPA revoked the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS for all purposes and established anti-backsliding requirements for areas that remain designated nonattainment for the revoked NAAQS; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit issued a decision in *South Coast Air Quality Management District v. EPA* on February 16, 2018 addressing air quality requirements for former 1997 ozone areas, and this area was maintenance for the 1997 ozone standard at the time the 1997 ozone revocation in 2015; and,

WHEREAS, transportation plans and programs are required to conform to the purpose of the SIP and Sections 174 and 176 (c and d) of the CAAA [42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c and d)]; and

WHEREAS, the Lackawanna-Luzerne Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization (LLTS MPO) 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 Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT); and

WHEREAS, the Final Conformity Rule (and subsequent amendments) requires the LLTS MPO to determine that its transportation plans and programs conform with the CAAA requirements by meeting the Final Rule on Transportation Conformity; and

WHEREAS, an air quality analysis and conformity determination of the 2021-2045 Long Range Transportation Plan for the 1997 ozone standard has been prepared for the Lackawanna-Luzerne Transportation Study Area. This conformity determination demonstrates that the requirements of 40 CFR Part 93 are met; and

THEREFORE, the Coordinating Committee of the Lackawanna Luzerne Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization for Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties, does hereby adopt the determinations for air quality as outlined in the above referenced conformity determination.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the LLTS Coordinating Committee on February 3, 2021.



C. David Pedri,
Coordinating Committee Chair



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Technical Committee Chair

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