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Clint B. Harbert
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RE: METRORapid Inner Katy Bus Rapid Transit Project

Dear Mr. Harbert:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has reviewed the environmental documentation that the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) recently submitted to us for the METRORapid Inner Katy Bus Rapid Transit Project in Harris County, Texas (the Project). The Project would construct a dedicated rapid transit route on the I-10 West Inner Katy corridor between I-610 and Downtown Houston and include five new stations.

Based on our review, FTA finds that the Project meets the criteria for a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) categorical exclusion (CE) in accordance with FTA's regulations implementing NEPA. FTA determines that the Project does not, either individually or cumulatively, have any significant environmental impact, and is therefore categorically excluded from a detailed environmental analysis under 23 CFR 771.118(d). FTA has further determined that there would be no direct, temporary, or constructive use of any Section 4(f) resources by the Project, per the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 and supporting regulations (23 CFR 774).

This CE determination applies only to the Project as described in the supporting materials. Any additional changes which would result in significant environmental impacts, including disclosure of new information or previously unidentified concerns, would require a re-evaluation per 23 CFR 771.129.

Please retain this communication for grant purposes. Should you have any questions, please contact Ronisha Hodge at (817) 978-0576 or via email at ronisha.hodge@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

David E. Bartels
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