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To adopt the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council 2011 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, *Moving Dutchess*, and associated Air Quality Conformity Determination Statement

WHEREAS, the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council has been designated by the Governor of the State of New York as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Poughkeepsie Metropolitan Area; and,

WHEREAS, the federal surface transportation programs that are the responsibility of the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council are authorized by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA) (Pub. L. 109-59, August 10, 2005) through March 31, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration issued a Final Rule (Federal Register Vol. 72, No. 30) on February 14, 2007 that implemented the provisions of Title 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, and Title 49 U.S.C. 5303 and 5304 pursuant to SAFETEA; and,

WHEREAS, 23 CFR Parts 450 (Planning Assistance and Standards) and 500 (Management and Monitoring Systems), and 49 CFR Part 613 (Metropolitan and Statewide Planning) set forth the national policy on the metropolitan transportation planning process, including the development of a Metropolitan Transportation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, said Metropolitan Transportation Plan will serve as the official multimodal transportation plan of the MPO, addressing no less than a 20-year planning horizon and developed through the metropolitan transportation planning process; and,

WHEREAS, the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council has developed a new Metropolitan Transportation Plan entitled, *Moving Dutchess*; and,

WHEREAS, *Moving Dutchess* was developed in accordance with 23 CFR Part 450.322 (Development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan) and includes the following:

- (1) The projected transportation demands of persons and goods in the planning area over the period of the plan.
- (2) A description of existing and proposed transportation facilities in the planning area.
- (3) Operational and management strategies to improve the performance of existing transportation facilities to relieve vehicle congestion and maximize the safety and mobility of people and goods.
- (4) Consideration of the results of the Congestion Management Process.
- (5) An assessment of the capital investment and transportation/land use strategies needed to preserve the existing and projected transportation system.
- (6) Sufficient project level information to demonstrate air quality conformity.

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- (7) A discussion of potential environmental mitigation strategies to maintain or restore environmental conditions affected by the plan.
- (8) Consideration of pedestrian and bicycle transportation facilities.
- (9) Consideration of transportation and transit enhancement activities.
- (10) A Financial Plan that demonstrates how the plan will be implemented.

WHEREAS, the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council consulted, as appropriate, with Federal, State, and local agencies responsible for land use management, natural resources, environmental protection, conservation, and historic preservation when it developed *Moving Dutchess*; and,

WHEREAS, *Moving Dutchess* has as one of its goals improving the safety of the transportation system, and recommends actions consistent with the 2010 New York State Strategic Highway Safety Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council afforded citizens, affected public agencies, and representatives of transportation providers with a reasonable opportunity to comment on *Moving Dutchess*, in accordance with the Public Participation Policy dated October 12, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council held a thirty-day public comment period for *Moving Dutchess*, during which the document was made available to the public, including in electronic format on the world wide web; and,

WHEREAS, the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council shares responsibility for the Poughkeepsie (Mid-Hudson) Ozone Non-attainment Area with the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council and Orange County Transportation Council; and,

WHEREAS, an air quality conformity determination statement for *Moving Dutchess* and the 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program, which includes the combined emissions results from the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council, Orange County Transportation Council, and Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council was completed on October 11, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the air quality conformity determination statement demonstrates that *Moving Dutchess* and the 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program comply with federal and State air quality standards; and,

WHEREAS, the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council held a thirty-day public comment period for the air quality conformity determination statement, in conjunction with the comment period for *Moving Dutchess*; now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council adopts *Moving Dutchess* as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Dutchess County portion of the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh Urbanized Area; and,

RESOLVED, that *Moving Dutchess* establishes the policies and programming priorities for the metropolitan area's transportation system; and,

RESOLVED, that the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council hereby authorizes the Secretary of the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council to transmit *Moving Dutchess* to the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and New York State Department of Transportation.

11/21/11

Date

By 

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