

RESOLUTION

OF THE SHENANGO VALLEY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (SVATS MPO)

AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE 2050 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1990 FOR THE SVATS MPO MAINTENANCE AREA (Mercer County)

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States of America enacted the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 which was signed into law and became effective on November 15, 1990, hereafter referred to as the CAAA; and

WHEREAS effective July 15, 2004, the Youngstown-Warren-Boardman OH-PA Metropolitan Area, which includes Mercer County, was designated by EPA as a nonattainment area under the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS; and,

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2007, the aforementioned Metropolitan 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) maintenance plan revision; 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 maintenance areas and this region was maintenance for the 1997 ozone standard at the time the 1997 ozone revocation in 2015. An air quality analysis and conformity determination of the TIP for the 1997 ozone standard has also been prepared. This conformity determination demonstrates that the requirements of 40 CFR Part 93 are met; and,

WHEREAS, the transportation plans and programs are required to conform to the purpose of the State Implementation Plan and Sections 174 and 176 (c and d) Of the CAAA (47. U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c and d); and,

WHEREAS, the Shenango Valley Area Transportation Study (SVATS), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Mercer County, Pennsylvania, 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 State DOT; and,

WHEREAS, the final conformity rule (and subsequent amendments) requires that the Shenango Valley Area Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization's policies, transportation plans and programs conform to the CAAA requirements by meeting criteria described in the final guidelines and subsequent rulings; and,

WHEREAS, the SVATS MPO, in accordance with its Public Involvement plan, conducted a 30-day public comment period from August 2nd, 2026 through September 1st, 2026 and conducted a

Public Comment Meeting on August 11th, 2026 in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, to provide an opportunity for public testimony on transportation projects and programs, as well as the air quality conformity analysis of currently programmed projects; and,

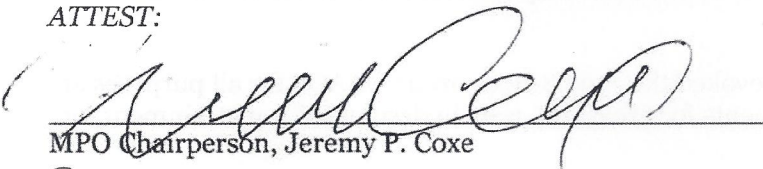
WHEREAS, following consideration of all comments and testimony by the public, the SVATS MPO has endorsed at its business meeting of September 15th, 2026, the adoption of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan, including Air Quality Conformity Analysis Reports and this Resolution.

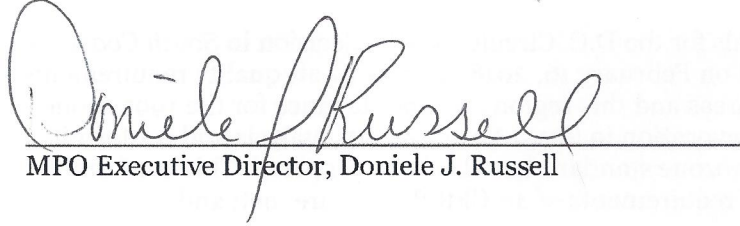
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The SVATS MPO Coordinating Committee has found the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan to be consistent with the final conformity rule issued on November 24, 1993 and subsequent amendments and rulings, and contributes to the achievement and maintenance of the NAAQS.
2. That the SVATS MPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan is hereby adopted with a completed Air Quality Conformity Analysis and authorizes its submittal to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and appropriate federal agencies.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the SVATS MPO Coordinating Committee on September 15th, 2026.

ATTEST:


MPO Chairperson, Jeremy P. Coxe


MPO Executive Director, Doniele J. Russell

NO SCANNER Electronically Signed 9/24/2026