

**Albany-Schenectady-Troy
1997 8-Hour Ozone Non-Attainment Area
Transportation/Air Quality Conformity Determination**

Background

As part of adopting a new metropolitan transportation plan (MTP) by the Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council (A/GFTC), an update to the Albany-Schenectady-Troy 1997 8-Hour Ozone Non-Attainment Area Transportation/Air Quality Conformity Determination (Conformity Determination) is required. The Albany-Schenectady-Troy ozone non-attainment area includes Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Greene, Schoharie, and Montgomery Counties. Although the Transportation Council region currently complies with the 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), a ruling in the 2018 South Coast Air Quality Management District v. EPA case requires documenting conformity for the less stringent 1997 NAAQS. The Conformity Determination update ensures compliance with this requirement.

Process

The Conformity Determination is updated in coordination with the NYSDOT Environmental Science Bureau, A/GFTC, and NYSDOT Regions 1, 2, and 9. The Transportation Council is responsible for executing air quality conformity requirements in the portion of Saratoga County (Town of Moreau and Village of South Glens Falls) within A/GFTC's region, per a 2010 agreement. The New York State Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) has reviewed and concurred with the updated Conformity Document and proposed public review schedule.

Public Review

To allow stakeholders and community members to provide input on the air quality conformity determination process, the Transportation Council, A/GFTC, and NYSDOT conducted a 30-day public review period in August and September, as outlined below:

A/GFTC

- August 9 – A/GFTC Planning Committee opened public review period
- September 20 – A/GFTC Policy Board meeting; Public review period ends; approval of new MTP and Conformity Determination

Capital Region Transportation Council

- August 2 – Transportation Council Planning Committee meeting; begin 30-day public review period
- September 5 – Public review period ends

- September 7 – Transportation Council Policy Board meeting; approval of new Conformity Determination

NYSDOT

- August 2 to September 5: NYSDOT public notice/availability for 30-day public review and comment period

No comments were received during the public comment period.

Proposed Action

Approve by resolution the Albany-Schenectady-Troy 1997 8-Hour Ozone Non-Attainment Area Transportation/Air Quality Conformity Determination document.