

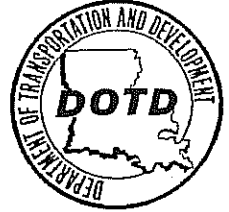


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Attention: Mr. James Setze

Dear Mr. Bolinger:

Enclosed are 4 copies of the document: "Transportation Conformity Analyses for The Baton Rouge 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area; Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2032 and Transportation Improvement Program (FY 2009 – FY 2013), Draft, March 31, 2009"

This document is the result of extensive interagency consultation between your office, the US Environmental Protection Agency, the LA Department of Environmental Quality, the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Planning Organization, and LA Department of Transportation and Development. It represents the submittal for compliance with federal rules regarding transportation planning and conformity with applicable clean air regulations.

We are requesting FHWA's review of this document and transmittal to other appropriate federal agencies for their review.

We would also like to also especially acknowledge the valuable input from Mr. James Setze of FHWA throughout the development of this document.

If any other information is required, please contact me at (225) 379-1248.

Sincerely,

for Eric Kalivoda,
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