310 CMR 60.05: Global Warming Solutions Act Requirements for the Transportation Sector and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation

Self-Certification Compliance Statement for Metropolitan Planning Organizations

This will certify that the FFY 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the Northern Middlesex Metropolitan Planning Organization (NMMPO) is in compliance with all applicable requirements in the State Regulation 310 CMR 60.05: Global Warming Solutions Act Requirements for the Transportation Sector and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. The regulation requires the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to:

1. 310 CMR 60.05, 3(b)(1)(a): Evaluate and track the GHG emissions and impacts of RTPs and TIPs;
2. 310 CMR 60.05, 3(b)(1)(b): In consultation with MassDOT, develop and utilize procedures to prioritize and select projects in RTPs, TIPs, and STIPs based on factors that include GHG emissions and impacts;
3. 310 CMR 60.05, 3(b)(1)(c): Quantify net GHG emissions and impacts resulting from the projects in RTPs and TIPs and have made efforts to minimize GHG emissions and impacts;
4. 310 CMR 60.05, 3(b)(1)(d): Determine in consultation with MassDOT that the appropriate planning assumptions used for GHG emissions modeling are consistent with local land use policies, or that local authorities have made documented and credible commitments to establishing such consistency;
5. 310 CMR 60.05, 4(a)(2)(e): Develop public consultation procedures for GHG reporting and related GWSA requirements consistent with current and approved regional public participation plans;
6. 310 CMR 60.05, 4(c): Prior to making final endorsements on the RTPs, TIPs, STIPs, and projects included in these plans, MassDOT and the MPOs shall include the GHG Assessment and information on related GWSA activities in RTPs and TIPs and provide an opportunity for public review and comment on the RTPs, and TIPs.
7. 310 CMR 60.05, 6(a): After a final GHG assessment has been made by MassDOT and the MPOs, MassDOT and the MPOs shall submit MPO-endorsed RTPs and TIPs within 30 days of endorsement to the Department for review of the GHG assessment.

[Signatures and dates]

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