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Mr. Ryan Anderson, P.E., Commissioner Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities P.O. Box 112500 3132 Channel Drive Juneau, AK 99811

Subject: Federal Actions:

 Approval of Air Quality Conformity Finding for AMATS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Approval of 2020-2023 Alaska Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment 8 to incorporate the AMATS 2023-2026 TIP Amendment 1

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have received Amendment 8 of the 2020-2023 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for review and approval to incorporate the AMATS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 1. In addition, your submittal includes the regional Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the AMATS 2023-2026 TIP which the AMATS Policy Board approved on May 25, 2023. We are advised that the MPO TIP public review period satisfied the requirements for public review for this STIP Amendment 8.

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.220, the FHWA and FTA, based on the certification of the Statewide and metropolitan transportation planning process for and within the State of Alaska, hereby find that the actions described in the STIP Amendment are based on a transportation planning process that substantially meets the requirements of 23 CFR Part 450 Subparts A, B, C; 49 U.S.C. Sections 5303-5304; and 23 U.S.C. Sections 134 and 135. Therefore, the amendment is approved.

Approval of the STIP and amendments are not construed as a Federal-aid eligibility determination. Each project must satisfy the specific requirements of the program from which

the federal funds are solicited, as well as the other federal requirements before federal funds are authorized.

If you have any questions concerning our joint action of this STIP amendment, please contact Julie Jenkins, FHWA Finance Manager (907) 586- 7476, or Ned Conroy, FTA Community Planner at (206) 220-4318.

Sincerely,

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