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14.0 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MEMPHIS MPO AND THE WEST MEMPHIS MPO ON AIR QUALITY DETERMINATIONS

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Between
THE MEMPHIS URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION (MPO)
and
THE WEST MEMPHIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(WMPO)
on
AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION

Recognizing that the West Memphis MPO and the Memphis Urban Area MPO have a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the consistency and conformity of plans, programs, and projects developed for their respective MPO study areas; and

Recognizing that the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency on April 15, 2004 and on June 16, 2004 respectively published the designation of non-attainment areas relative to ozone, and issued new conformity regulations regarding air quality and transportation planning activities; and

Recognizing that these new federal regulations would require the Memphis Urban Area and West Memphis MPOs to prepare new conformity determination for their respective study areas; and

Recognizing through preliminary analyses conducted by the Memphis Urban Area MPO and the West Memphis MPO staffs, and through extensive discussion with all of the major stakeholders (the Federal Highway Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, and the Memphis/Shelby County Health Department) concerning federal guidelines on air quality/ transportation planning, that both MPOs could develop their conformity determination reports either jointly or independently.

- 1) The West Memphis Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization mutually agree to perform their conformity determinations independently.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding effective as of the 30th day of March, 2005.

WEST MEMPHIS METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(WMPO)

MEMPHIS URBAN AREA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION (MPO)

By: [Signature]
Chair, Policy Committee

By: [Signature]
Chairman, Transportation Policy
Board

Date: 3/14, 2005

Date: 3/31, 2005