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Subject: New York City Central Business District Tolling Program - EA

Dear Dr. C de Cerreño, Mr. Choubah, and Mr. Carry:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reviewed the *Final Environmental Assessment (EA)* for the Central Business District Tolling Program (CBDTP) submitted on April 25, 2023 and approves its release to the public for a 30-day public notice. The CBDTP must complete the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process as a condition to applying to the FHWA Value Pricing Pilot Program (VPPP). The VPPP provides transportation agencies with options to manage congestion through tolling and other pricing mechanisms.

FHWA reviewed all the comments submitted on the draft EA during the formal public comment period in August and September 2022, along with the comprehensive analysis completed by the New York project sponsors - the New York State Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority/Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority and the New York City Department of Transportation. FHWA worked collaboratively with the New York project sponsors throughout this process and determined that the Final EA addresses the public comments, considers the environmental impacts in the 28-county study area in the States of New

York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, and mitigates the adverse effects from the preferred alternative.

As the first proposal in the nation to manage congestion through cordon pricing and per the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR 1501.6), FHWA approves release of the Final EA and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact for public review for 30 days before FHWA makes its final determination.

Sincerely,



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cc: Lisa Garcia, Regional Administrator, EPA Region 2
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