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Subject: New York City Central Business District Tolling Program – Re-Evaluation

Dear Dr. C de Cerreño, Ms. Winkelhake, and Mr. Beaton:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) received your correspondence dated May 23, 2024, requesting review and approval of the *Re-Evaluation* for the Central Business District Tolling Program (CBDTP). FHWA also acknowledges your correspondence dated June 13, 2024, asking FHWA to proceed with the next step in the process under the National Environmental Policy Act and complete the on-going re-evaluation in light of the pause of the CBDTP's planned June 30 launch announced by Governor Hochul last week.

The Re-Evaluation was prepared consistent with 23 C.F.R. §771.129 and assessed the effects of the tolling structure adopted by the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority Board to determine whether the effects are consistent with those disclosed in the April 2023 Final Environmental Assessment and whether the mitigation set forth in the June 2023 Finding of No Significant Impact is still valid.

The FHWA worked collaboratively with the New York project sponsors in completing the *Re-Evaluation*. FHWA concludes that the analysis conducted in the Re-Evaluation confirms that the

adopted toll structure and impacts associated with it was analyzed and mitigated accordingly. Thus, FHWA finds that no additional environmental analysis is warranted. The conclusions in the Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact remains valid.

As previously discussed, please post this letter along with all of the *Re-Evaluation* documents on the project web site maintained by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Marquis Division Administrator