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Subject: New York City Central Business District Tolling Program – Re-Evaluation 2

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

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) received your correspondence dated November 20, 2024, requesting review and approval of the *Re-Evaluation 2* for the Central Business District Tolling Program (CBDTP). FHWA also acknowledges your previous correspondence dated November 8, 2024, asking FHWA to engage to add a phase-in approach to the tolling structure described in the Re-Evaluation approved in June 2024.

The *Re-Evaluation 2* was prepared consistent with 23 C.F.R. §771.129 and assessed the effects of a phase-in approach 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.

FHWA concludes that the *Re-Evaluation 2* confirms that the phase-in of 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