

## **APPENDIX C: TIP CONFORMITY**

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### **Conformity Criteria**

On September 7, 2004, the EPA published a final rule (see 69 FR 54019; effective November 8, 2004) that approved the second revision to the “Revised Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan for the Colorado Springs Attainment/Maintenance Area.” This version of the carbon monoxide (CO) maintenance plan established a motor vehicle emissions budget (MVEB) of 531 tons per day (tpd) of CO for 2010. When showing conformity to this version of the CO maintenance plan, estimated emissions from on-road mobile sources in the future were required to be less than the CO MVEB (531 tpd) that was established in the EPA-approved maintenance plan.

### **PPPACG Conformity**

In the 1980s, carbon monoxide levels in the Colorado Springs area exceeded Environmental Protection Agency standards. This required the development of a state implementation plan that outlined steps and strategies to improve air quality and maintain it once the air quality standard was obtained. The EPA requires that a maintenance plan demonstrate attainment of the standard for a 20-year period.

The last violation of the 8-hour standard was in 1989. The EPA reclassified the Colorado Springs area as a maintenance area in October 1999. In October 2019, the 20-year maintenance period expired, and the Colorado Springs area was no longer in non-attainment for carbon monoxide. At that point, the MPO no longer needed to complete EPA maintenance area requirements. However, if the area exceeds standards by the EPA for any pollutants, the area could go back into non-attainment and will be required to meet federal guidance.