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The following items will be included in the Final 2015 FTIP Technical Appendix (Volume II):

Public Hearing Notice

Newspaper Public Notifications

Cover Letter Included with Distributed Draft 2015 FTIP

Distribution List of Public Libraries receiving the Draft 2015 FTIP

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## Environmental Justice

The Final 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, approved by the SCAG Regional Council on April 4, 2012 (and approved by FHWA/FTA with regard to transportation conformity on June 4, 2012), included a comprehensive environmental justice analysis. The 2015 FTIP is consistent with the policies, programs, and projects included in the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, as amended by the proposed 2012-2035 RTP/SCS Amendment No. 2, and as such the environmental justice analysis included as part of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS appropriately serves as the analysis for the transportation investments in the 2015 FTIP.

A key component of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS development process was to further implement SCAG's Public Participation Plan, which involved outreach to achieve meaningful public engagement with minority and low-income populations, and included seeking input from our environmental justice stakeholders. As part of the environmental justice analysis for the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, SCAG identified several performance measures to analyze existing social and environmental equity in the region and to address the impacts of the 2012–2035 RTP/SCS on various environmental justice population groups. These performance measures included impacts related to tax burdens, share of transportation system usage, jobs-housing imbalance or mismatch, potential gentrification and displacement, air quality, health, noise, and rail related impacts. For additional information regarding these and other environment justice performance measures and the detailed environmental justice analysis, please see [http://rtpscs.scag.ca.gov/Documents/2012/final/SR/2012fRTP\\_EnvironmentalJustice.pdf](http://rtpscs.scag.ca.gov/Documents/2012/final/SR/2012fRTP_EnvironmentalJustice.pdf).

Additionally, SCAG recently updated its Public Participation Plan, adopted on April 3, 2014, which addresses Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients (FTA Circular 4702.1B; Effective October 1, 2012), including enhanced strategies for engaging minority and limited English proficient populations in SCAG's transportation planning and programming processes, as well as Environmental Justice Policy Guidance for Federal Transit Administration Recipients (FTA Circular 4703.1; Effective August 15, 2012).

### **Interagency Consultation and Public Participation**

As stated earlier in this document, the 2015 FTIP complies with applicable federal and state requirements for interagency consultation and public involvement by following the strategies described in SCAG's Public Participation Plan (PPP) (for more information on SCAG's PPP please visit [http://scag.ca.gov/Documents/PPP2014\\_Adopted-FINAL.pdf](http://scag.ca.gov/Documents/PPP2014_Adopted-FINAL.pdf)). In accordance with the PPP, SCAG's Transportation Conformity Working Group serves as a forum for interagency consultation.

On July 1, 2014 the Draft 2015 FTIP will be released for a 30-day public review period. In addition, during the public review period, two (2) public hearings will be held on the Draft 2015 FTIP on July 10th and 24th, 2014 at SCAG's Los Angeles office with video-conferencing available from SCAG Regional offices, located in Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties. These public hearings will be noticed in numerous newspapers throughout the region. The notices will be published in English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, and Vietnamese languages (copies of these notices will be included in Section V of the Final Technical Appendix). The Draft 2015 FTIP is posted on the SCAG website and distributed to libraries throughout the region.

Likewise, the Guidelines for the 2015 FTIP went through a similar public review process. SCAG, in cooperation with the CTCs, TCWG, and other local, state and federal partners, completed its update of the 2015 FTIP Guidelines. The draft Guidelines were presented to the SCAG Transportation Committee for release on September 12, 2013. SCAG received comments during the review period from local, state and federal agencies as well as other interested parties, and revised the document as necessary. The Final Guidelines for the 2015 FTIP were approved by the SCAG Regional Council on October 3, 2013. For additional information on the 2015 FTIP Guidelines, please visit <http://ftip.scag.ca.gov/Documents/Final2015FTIPGuidelines.pdf>.