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The following items will be included in the Final 2017 FTIP Technical Appendix (Volume II):

Public Hearing Notice

Public Hearing July 14, 2016 Minutes

Public Hearing July 21, 2016 Minutes

Newspaper Public Notifications

Cover Letter Included with Distributed Draft 2017 FTIP

Distribution List of Public Libraries receiving the Draft 2017 FTIP

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## Environmental Justice

The Final 2016-2040 RTP/SCS, approved by the SCAG Regional Council on April 7, 2016 (and approved by FHWA/FTA with regard to transportation conformity on June 1, 2016), included a comprehensive environmental justice analysis. The 2017 FTIP is consistent with the policies, programs, and projects included in the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS, and as such the environmental justice analysis included as part of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS appropriately serves as the analysis for the transportation investments in the 2017 FTIP.

A key component of the 2016-2040 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 2016-2040 RTP/SCS, SCAG identified several performance measures to analyze existing social and environmental equity in the region and to address the impacts of the 2016–2040 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://scagrtpscs.net/Documents/2016/final/f2016RTPSCS\\_EnvironmentalJustice.pdf](http://scagrtpscs.net/Documents/2016/final/f2016RTPSCS_EnvironmentalJustice.pdf).

Additionally, SCAG 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 2017 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.

The 2017 FTIP was discussed with the Transportation Conformity Working Group (TCWG), which includes representatives from the federal, state, and local air quality and transportation agencies, on multiple occasions (September 22, 2015; October 27, 2015; November 17, 2015; January 26, 2016; February 23, 2016; March 22, 2016; April 26, 2016; May 24, 2016; and June 28, 2016). The draft conformity analysis for the 2017 FTIP is scheduled for release for a 30-day public review on July 8, 2016 and two public hearings will be held on July 14th and July 21st, 2016 at the SCAG's Los Angeles office with video-conferencing available from the County Regional Offices. The 2017 FTIP will be posted on the SCAG website, noticed in numerous newspapers, and distributed to libraries throughout the region. All comments on the 2017 FTIP will be documented and responded to as appropriate.

SCAG, in cooperation with the CTCs, TCWG, and other local, state and federal partners, also completed the update to the 2017 FTIP Guidelines. Development of these guidelines is the first step in drafting the 2017 FTIP. These guidelines serve as the manual for CTCs to develop their county TIP program and submit their TIPs through SCAG's FTIP database. SCAG received comments from stakeholders and revised the document as necessary. The Final Guidelines for the 2017 FTIP were approved by the SCAG Regional Council on October 8, 2015. For additional information on the 2017 FTIP Guidelines, please visit <http://ftip.scag.ca.gov/Documents/Final2017FTIPGuidelines.pdf>