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Dear Ms. Falsetti:

SUBJECT: SCAG 2012/13 – 2015/16 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 13-03 AND CONFORMITY DETERMINATION

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 13-03 to the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2012/13 – 2015/16 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), which was submitted by your letter dated February 19, 2013. As detailed in your letter's enclosure, this amendment requests to add sixty-seven (67) individual and one (1) grouped project listings to SCAG's 2012/13 – 2015/16 FTIP, to modify thirty-six (36) individual and eight (8) grouped project listings, and to remove ten (10) individual and one (1) grouped project listings previously approved for inclusion into California's Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

We have determined the modified project listings from this amendment are from SCAG's adopted 2012/2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), and the modifications requested rely on a previous regional emissions analysis. Acceptance of this amendment and the air quality conformity determination have been coordinated with Region IX of the EPA in accordance with the procedures outlined in the *National Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Transportation (DOT) and EPA on Transportation Conformity*, dated April 25, 2000. Accordingly, we find that SCAG's 2012/13 – 2015/16 FTIP, including Amendment No. 13-03, conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004 *MOU, between the FHWA – California Division and FTA – Region IX*, and based on our review of information submitted with the State's proposed 2012/13 – 2015/16 FSTIP, which includes revenues, proposed project funding information to demonstrate financial constraint, and statewide and metropolitan planning process documentation, we accept this FSTIP modification proposed for the SCAG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning that was published in the February 14, 2007 Federal Register. We have determined the amended SCAG FTIP, including Amendment No. 13-03, is financially constrained as required by the Federal surface transportation programs authorizing legislation and statewide planning, metropolitan planning, and programming regulations. SCAG's FTIP was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53.

We are approving the 2012/13 – 2015/16 FSTIP with understanding that eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all administrative and statutory requirements. This joint FHWA and FTA approval of the FSTIP is unable to constitute an eligibility determination for the federal funds proposed for obligation on the listed projects. If you would have any questions or need additional information concerning our FSTIP approval for this SCAG FTIP amendment, please contact Michael Morris of the FHWA California Division's Cal-South office at (213) 894-4014, or by email at michael.morris@dot.gov; or Ted Matley of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 744-2590, or by email at ted.matley@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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