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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry, Chief  
Office of Federal Transportation Management Program

SUBJECT: SCAG 2015 FTIP AMENDMENT NO. 15-19

Dear Mr. de Terra:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 15-19 to the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2015 – 2018 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), which was submitted by your letter dated June 10, 2016. As detailed in your letter's enclosure this amendment requests to add fifty-eight (58) new individual and four (4) grouped project listings to SCAG's FTIP, to modify twenty-five (25) individual and thirty (30) grouped project listings, and to remove three (3) individual project listings.

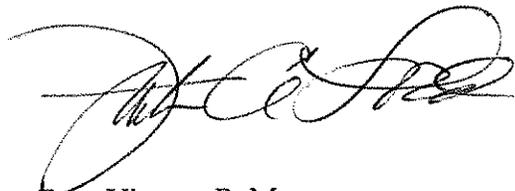
We have determined all project listings from this amendment are from SCAG's adopted 2016/2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), and the additions and modifications requested rely on a previous regional emissions analysis. All new added projects are exempt and do not require a new air quality conformity determination. We have 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 FTIP – including Amendment No. 15-19 – conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

Pursuant to the December 15, 2014 *MOU, between the FHWA – California Division and FTA – Region IX*, and based on our review of information submitted with the State's proposed 2015 – 2018 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 May 27, 2016 Federal Register. We have determined the amended SCAG FTIP, including Amendment No. 15-19, 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.~~

Approval is provided with understanding that eligibility determination of individual projects for funding must be met, and the applicant must ensure satisfaction of all administrative and statutory requirements. If you have questions or need additional information concerning our FSTIP approval for this 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](mailto:michael.morris@dot.gov); or Ted Matley of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 734-9468, or by email at [ted.matley@dot.gov](mailto:ted.matley@dot.gov).

Sincerely,



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