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Dear Mr. de Terra:

**SUBJECT: SCAG 2015 FTIP AMENDMENT NO. 15-22 AND CONFORMITY  
DETERMINATION**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 15-22 to the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2014/15 – 2017/18 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), which was submitted by your letter dated October 18, 2016. As detailed in your letter's enclosure this amendment requests to add forty-one (41) new individual and two (2) grouped project listings to SCAG's FTIP, and to modify twenty (20) individual and fifteen (15) grouped project listings with removal of two (2) individual project listings previously approved for California Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) inclusion.

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. Acceptance of this amendment and the air quality conformity determination have been coordinated with Region IX of the Environmental Protection Agency (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. 15-22 – conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

Pursuant 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 2014/15 – 2017/18 FSTIP, which includes revenues, proposed project funding information to demonstrate financial constraint, and statewide and metropolitan planning process documentation, we accept

transportation planning provisions of 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53.

Approval is being given 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 SBCAG 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](mailto:michael.morris@dot.gov); or Dominique Paukowits of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 734-9469, or by email at [dominique.paukowits@dot.gov](mailto:dominique.paukowits@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Leslie T. Rogers*

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