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SUBJECT: Conformity Determination for MTC's Plan Bay Area and the 2013 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Mr. Heminger:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the conformity determination for both the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Plan Bay Area and the 2013 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). Joint FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determinations for the Regional Transportation Plan and the FTIP are required by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the FHWA/FTA *Metropolitan Planning Rule*, 23 CFR 450.

On July 18, 2013, MTC adopted the Plan Bay Area, the 2013 FTIP, and made the corresponding conformity determinations. The conformity analysis submitted to the FHWA/FTA by MTC indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, we find that the Plan Bay Area and the 2013 FTIP conform to the applicable state implementation plan in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. In accordance with the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, the FTA has concurred with this conformity determination. Additionally, this approval was made after consultation with the EPA, Region 9 office, pursuant to the *Transportation Conformity Rule*.

In accordance with the above MOU, the FHWA's single signature constitutes FHWA and FTA's joint air quality conformity determination for the MTC's Plan Bay Area and the 2013 FTIP. If you have any questions regarding this action, please contact Messrs. Stew Sonnenberg (stew.sonnenberg@dot.gov) at (916) 498-5889 or Ted Matley (ted.matley@dot.gov) at (415) 744-2590.

Sincerely,

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