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Attention: Federal Resources Office, M.S. 82
For Rachel Falsetti, Division of Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Iwasaki:

SUBJECT: SACOG 2008/09 – 2011/12 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 19

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 19 to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments' (SACOG) 2008/09 – 2011/12 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated December 2, 2009. The SACOG Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 51-2009 on October 15, 2009, approving this MTIP modification and reaffirming the conformity of the transportation improvement program with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. As detailed in the enclosure to your letter, this SACOG MTIP amendment requests to add seven (7) new individual project listings, modify eight (8) individually listed projects that were previously approved for inclusion in the 2008/09 – 2011/12 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), and modify nine (9) grouped project listings that were previously approved for inclusion in the SACOG MTIP and California's FSTIP.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004 *Memorandum of Understanding between the FHWA – California Division and the FTA – Region IX*, we accept these FSTIP modifications for the SACOG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning that was published in the February 14, 2007 Federal Register. We find that the SACOG 2008/09 – 2011/12 MTIP, including Amendment No. 19, was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. § 134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53. We have determined that the added project listings and modifications to the previously listed projects in the SACOG MTIP are exempt from the regional emissions analysis requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Transportation Conformity Rule as amended. The



metropolitan transportation planning and regional air quality conformity findings have been coordinated with the regional offices of the U.S. EPA and FTA.

Based on our review of the MTIP financial constraint documentation submitted with the subject amendment, we have determined that the amended MTIP is financially constrained as required by the Federal surface transportation programs authorizing legislation, statewide and metropolitan planning, and programming regulations.

This approval is also provided with the understanding that the FTA funding approval on individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our FSTIP approval for this SACOG MTIP amendment, please contact Michael Morris of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5887, or by email at michael.morris@dot.gov; or Jerome Wiggins of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 744-2819, or by email at jerome.wiggins@fta.dot.gov.

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

Leslie T. Rogers
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Sincerely,



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SACOG 2008/09 MTIP Binder

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