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Mr. Randell H. Iwasaki, Director
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Attention: Rachel Falsetti, Division of Transportation Programming

Re: 2008 Southern California Association of Governments
Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #31

Dear Mr. Iwasaki:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2008 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment #31 as requested by your letter dated January 6, 2010.

SCAG's FTIP Amendment #31 adds or modifies projects from Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties. The amendment includes projects funded from various programs including the Highway Bridge Program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, State Highway Operation and Protection Program, FTA 5307 Program and The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The FHWA and FTA have determined that the 2008 FTIP Amendment #31 does not require a new regional emissions analysis because the projects were found to conform as a part of a previous analysis, pursuant to the transportation conformity provisions found in 40 CFR Part 93 section 122(g). This finding has been coordinated with Region 9 of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the *National Memorandum of Understanding between DOT and EPA on Transportation Conformity*, dated April 25, 2000, and the *Transportation Conformity Rule*. Therefore, we find that the 2009 TIP conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93.

We find SCAG's FTIP Amendment #31 was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 & 135, 49 USC 5303-5305, and 23 CFR 450. The California Department of Transportation assures this



amendment has met the financial constraint requirements included in our transportation planning regulations, i.e. 23 CFR 450.324(e).

This letter constitutes approval of Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) Amendment #31. The SCAG FTIP Amendment #31 is approved and included into California's 2009 FSTIP, with the understanding the eligibility of individual projects is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all FTA and FHWA administrative requirements.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Michelle Noch of the FHWA Los Angeles Metropolitan Office at (213) 202-3953 or Mr. Ted Matley of the FTA at (415) 744-2590.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. Waidelich, Jr.', is written over a set of three vertical lines (two light blue, one light green) that run down the page.

For
Walter C. Waidelich, Jr.
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/s/ *Leslie T. Rogers*

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