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

Mr. Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Iwasaki and Mr. Ikhrata:

Re: - 2008 SCAG Regional Transportation Plan Amendment #2
- 2008 SCAG Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #24
- Conformity Determination for SCAG's Amendments

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Amendment #24 as requested by your letter of December 16, 2009.

We find SCAG's RTIP Amendment #24 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).

The FHWA and the FTA have also completed our review of the conformity determination for the SCAG Amendment #2 to the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), *Making the Connections,* and Amendment #24 to the 2008 RTIP. A FTA/FHWA air quality conformity determination is required for these Amendments pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the United States Department of Transportation's *Metropolitan Planning Rule*, 23 CFR Part 450.

On December 3, 2009, SCAG adopted Amendment #2 to the 2008 RTP and Amendment #24 to the 2008 RTIP and made the corresponding conformity determinations via Resolution 09-514-03. The conformity analysis submitted by SCAG indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, we find that Amendment #2 to the 2008 RTP and Amendment #24 to the 2008 RTIP 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 conformity determination was made after consultation with the EPA, Region 9 office.

In accordance with the above MOU, the FHWA's single signature constitutes FHWA and FTA's joint air quality conformity determination for SCAG's Amendment #2 to the 2008 RTP and Amendment #24 to the 2008 RTIP.

This letter constitutes approval of Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) Amendment #24. The SCAG RTIP Amendment #24 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,

/s/ Leslie Rogers

For

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