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

Dear Mr. McKeever and Ms. McKim:

SUBJECT: SACOG FY 2010/11-2013/14 MTIP Amendment No. 3 and Associated Air
Quality Conformity Determination

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed their review of Amendment # 3 to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) 2010/11-2013/14 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and the accompanying required Air Quality Conformity Determination that was submitted by your letter dated March 11, 2011. SACOG approved Amendment # 3 to MTIP and the accompanying Air Quality Conformity Determination on February 17, 2011. This amendment to SACOG's MTIP:

- Includes revisions to 21 individually listed projects and models non-exempt project additions and changes to non-exempt projects that require regional air quality conformity modeling. Funding sources include Highway Bridge Program funds, State Proposition 1B funds, SR-99 Corridor Bond funds and local funds. Amendment # 3 includes a new air quality conformity emissions analysis.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we accept the modifications to the 2010/11 – 2013/14 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) and the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the SACOG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning published in the February 14, 2007 Federal Register. We find that SACOG's MTIP through Amendment # 3 and the 2035 MTP were developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the

metropolitan planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134, and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as amended by Section 6001 of Public Law 109-59, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

This amendment acceptance is pursuant to a joint FHWA and FTA air quality conformity determination for the amended SACOG FY 2010/11 – 2013/14 MTIP. This joint FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination for the amended SACOG FY 2010/11 - 2013/14 FTIP and the 2035 MTP is required by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Rule, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the FHWA/FTA Metropolitan Planning Regulations, 23 CFR Part 450.

This finding has been coordinated with the EPA Region 9 in accordance with the procedures outlined in the *National Memorandum of Understanding between DOT and EPA on Transportation Conformity*, dated April 25, 2000. Therefore, we find that SACOG's 2010/11 FTIP through Amendment # 3 and 2035 MTP conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This approval is provided with the understanding that the FTA funding approval on the individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements, and that approval of this programming action does not provide a federal eligibility determination for CMAQ projects or any other project funding source included in this amendment.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval for this SACOG FSTIP amendment, please contact Scott Carson (Scott.Carson@dot.gov) of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5029.

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

Leslie T. Rogers
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Sincerely,



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