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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry
For Rachel Falsetti, Division of Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. McKeever and Mr. Scherzinger:

**SUBJECT: SACOG FY 2010/11-2013/14 FTIP Amendment # 14, entitled 2035 MTP/SCS,
and Associated Conformity Determination**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed the review of Amendment # 14 to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments' (SACOG) 2010/11-2013/14 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and the accompanying conformity analysis that was submitted by your letter dated April 24, 2012. SACOG approved Amendment # 14 to the 2010/11-2013/14 MTIP and entitled 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) the accompanying conformity analysis on April 19, 2012. This amendment to SACOG's MTIP:

- *Modifies, adds or deletes 65 projects in the SACOG region. Funding sources include the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, the Highway Bridge Program, the Surface Transportation Program, Proposition 1B, the State Transportation Improvement Program and local funds. Amendment # 14 includes a new air quality conformity emissions analysis and conformity determination for the entitled 2035 MTP/SCS and 2010/11-2013/14 MTIP.*

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) 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 SACOG's 2010/11-2013/14 MTIP through Amendment # 14 was 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 MTIP and entitled 2035 MTP/SCS 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 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 2010/11-2013/14 MTIP through Amendment # 14 and entitled 2035 MTP/SCS conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

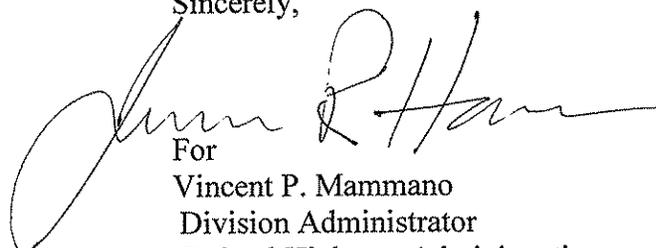
This approval is provided with the understanding that the FTA funding approval on the individual projects contained in the MSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements, and that approval of this programming action does not provide a federal eligibility determination 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 MTIP amendment, please contact Scott Carson (Scott.Carson@dot.gov) of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5346.

Sincerely,

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