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

Dear Mr. Chesley and Ms. McKim:

SUBJECT: SJCOG FY 2010/11-2013/14 FTIP Amendment # 3, 2011 RTP Amendment # 1
and Associated Air Quality Conformity Determination

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed the review of Amendment # 3 to the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) 2010/11-2013/14 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and the accompanying required Air Quality Conformity Determination that was submitted by your letter dated April 6, 2011. SJCOG approved Amendment # 3 to the 2010/11-2013/14 FTIP and Amendment # 1 to the 2011 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the accompanying Air Quality Conformity Determination on March 24, 2011. This amendment to SJCOG's FTIP:

- Revises 53 existing projects and adds 30 new projects in the SJCOG region. Funding sources include the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, Regional Surface Transportation Program, Interstate Maintenance Program, High Priority Projects Program, Highway Safety Improvement Program, Railway Section 130 Program, Proposition 1B, State Highway Operations and Protection Program, State Transportation Improvement Program, FTA Sections 5307, 5309 and local funds. Amendment # 3 includes a new air quality conformity emissions analysis and conformity determination.

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 2011 RTP for the SJCOG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning published in the February 14, 2007 Federal Register. We find that SJCOG's 2010/11-2013/14 FTIP through Amendment # 3 and the 2011 RTP through Amendment # 1 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 SJCOG FY 2010/11 – 2013/14 FTIP. This joint FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination for the amended SJCOG FY 2010/11 - 2013/14 FTIP and the 2011 RTP 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 SJCOG's 2010/11-2013/14 FTIP through Amendment # 3 and 2011 RTP through Amendment # 1 conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

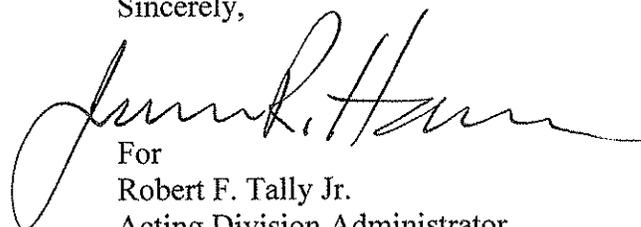
This approval is provided with the understanding that the FTA funding approval on the individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements, and that approval of this programming action does not provide a federal eligibility determination 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 SJCOG FSTIP amendment, please contact Scott Carson (Scott.Carson@dot.gov) of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5029.

Sincerely,

/s/ **Leslie T. Rogers**

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