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SUBJECT: SCAG 2015 FTIP AMENDMENT NO. 15-04 AND CONFORMITY DETERMINATION

Dear Mr. de Terra:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 15-04 to the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2015 – 2018 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), which was submitted by your letter dated February 19, 2015. As detailed in your letter's enclosure, this amendment requests to add seventy-six (76) new individual and five (5) grouped project listings to SCAG's FTIP, and to modify seventy (70) individual and ten (10) grouped project listings with removal of twenty-six (26) individual project listings previously approved for California Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) inclusion.

We have determined the added project listings from this amendment are from SCAG's adopted 2012/2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), and the addition requested relies on a previous regional emissions analysis. Acceptance of this amendment and the air quality conformity determination have been coordinated with Region IX of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the *National Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Transportation (DOT) and EPA on Transportation Conformity*, dated April 25, 2000. Accordingly, we find that SCAG's FTIP – including Amendment No. 15-04 – conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

Pursuant the December 15, 2014 *MOU, between the FHWA – California Division and FTA – Region IX*, and based on our review of information submitted with the State's proposed 2015 – 2018 FSTIP, which includes revenues, proposed project funding information to demonstrate financial constraint, and statewide and metropolitan planning process documentation, we accept this FSTIP modification proposed for the SCAG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning that was published in the February 14, 2007

Federal Register. We have determined the amended SCAG FTIP, including Amendment No. 15-04, is financially constrained as required by the Federal surface transportation programs authorizing legislation and statewide planning, metropolitan planning, and programming regulations. SCAG's FTIP was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53.

Approval is provided with understanding that eligibility determination of individual projects for funding must be met, and the applicant must ensure satisfaction of all administrative and statutory requirements. If you would have questions or need additional information concerning our FSTIP approval for this amendment, please contact Michael Morris of the FHWA California Division's Cal-South office at (213) 894-4014, or by email at michael.morris@dot.gov; or Ted Matley of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 744-2590, or by email at ted.matley@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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