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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry

SUBJECT: Amendment No. 9 to the Tulare County Association Governments' (TCAG) 2015
– 2018 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Dear Mr. de Terra:

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 9 to the TCAG's 2015 – 2018 Federal FTIP that was submitted by your letter to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) dated July 6, 2015. As detailed in your letter, this amendment: changes one project description by adding El Monte Way (Avenue 416) to the project scope; adds two new grouped project lists to the 2015 FTIP.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) accept the proposed FTIP Amendment No. 9 modifications to the 2015 FSTIP for the TCAG Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) region, in accordance with the *Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning* that was published in the February 14, 2007, Federal Register. This joint FHWA and FTA approval for this amendment is pursuant to the December 15, 2014, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Region IX*. We find that the TCAG MPO's 2015 – 2018 FTIP, including Amendment No. 9, 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 Public Law 112-141, the "*Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act*" (MAP-21). We are approving TCAG's FTIP/FSTIP Amendment No. 9 with the understanding that eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the grantees meeting all Federal administrative and statutory requirements. This joint FHWA and FTA approval of FTIP/FSTIP Amendment No. 9 does not constitute an eligibility determination for the federal funds proposed for obligation on the listed projects.

The changes proposed to the FTIP, by this amendment, are associated with highway or transit program projects that are either: exempt from the requirement to determine conformity pursuant to 40 CFR 93.126 or 93.127; or are proposed for implementation in an area of the State of California that is designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal Air Quality Standards; or

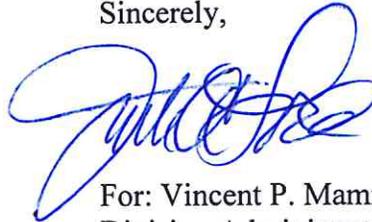
comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53.

We are approving the 2014/15 – 2017/18 FSTIP with understanding that eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all administrative and statutory requirements. This joint FHWA and FTA approval of the FSTIP is unable to constitute an eligibility determination for the federal funds proposed for obligation on the listed projects. If you would have questions or need additional information concerning our FSTIP approval for this SBCAG FTIP 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 Brenda Perez of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 744-2731, or by email at brenda.perez@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

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