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Dear Mr. Ikhata and Mr. de Terra:

**SUBJECT: CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR SCAG's 2016 RTP/SCS  
AMENDMENT NO. 1 and 2017 FTIP CONSISTENCY AMENDMENT NO.  
17-03 APPROVAL**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of the conformity determination for the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) – *A Plan for Mobility, Accessibility, Sustainability and a High Quality of Life* and 2017 – Amendment No. 1 and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 17-03. A FTA/FHWA air quality conformity determination is required pursuant the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 Code of Regulations (CFR) Parts 51 and 93, and the United States Department of Transportation's *Metropolitan Planning Rule*, 23 CFR Part 450. SCAG's 2017 FTIP Amendment No. 17-03 was completed to ensure consistency with the amended 2016 RTP/SCS.

FTA/FHWA reviewed SCAG's 2017 FTIP Amendment No. 17-03, received by your letter dated April 17, 2017. As detailed in your letter's enclosure this amendment requests to add fifteen (15) new individual project listings to SCAG's FTIP, and to modify thirty-one (31) individual project listings with removal of four (4) individual project listings previously approved for California Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) inclusion. 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 2017 FSTIP, which includes

revenues, proposed project funding information to demonstrate financial constraint, and statewide and metropolitan planning process documentation, we accept the proposed FSTIP modification in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning that was published in the May 27, 2016 Federal Register. SCAG's FTIP, including Amendment No. 17-03, 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 given with the understanding that eligibility determination of individual projects for funding must be met, and the applicant must ensure satisfaction of all administrative and statutory requirements.

On April 6, 2017 SCAG adopted the 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment No. 1 and 2017 FTIP Amendment No. 17-03 via Resolution No. 17-588-2. The conformity analysis given by SCAG indicates all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, and after consultation with the EPA Region IX office 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, we find that SCAG's 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment No. 1 and 2017 FTIP Amendment No. 17-03 conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93.

We jointly agree with approval of the air quality conformity determination for SCAG's 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment No. 1 and 2017 FTIP Amendment No. 17-03. If you have questions pertaining to this conformity finding and/or FSTIP amendment acceptance, feel free to contact Michael Morris of the FHWA California Division's Cal-South office at (213) 894-4014, or by email at [michael.morris@dot.gov](mailto:michael.morris@dot.gov); or Ted Matley of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 734-9468, or by email at [ted.matley@dot.gov](mailto:ted.matley@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

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