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Attention: Federal Resources Office, M.S. 82
For Muhaned Aljabiry, Division of Transportation Programming

SUBJECT: SACOG FY 2012/13-2015/16 MTIP Amendment # 8 and Amendment # 2 to the
2035 MTP/SCS and accompanying air quality conformity analysis

Dear Mr. McKeever and Ms. Falsetti:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed the review of Amendment # 8 to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments' (SACOG) FY 2012/13-2015/16 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and Amendment # 2 to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) that was submitted by your letter dated May 8, 2013. SACOG adopted Amendment # 8 and Amendment # 2 and the accompanying air quality conformity analysis on April 25, 2013. These amendments to SACOG's MTIP and MTP/SCS:

- Add, modify and/or delete projects in the SACOG Region. Funding sources include the Surface Transportation Program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, Highway Safety Improvement Program, High Priority Projects Program, and the Proposition 1B – Transportation Bond Program.

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 2012/13 – 2015/16 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 that SACOG's 2012/13-2015/16 MTIP through Amendment # 8 and Amendment # 2 to the 2035 MTP/SCS 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. 174, and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as amended by Sections 1201, 1202, 20005 and 20006 of Public Law 112-141, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21).

This amendment acceptance is pursuant to a joint FHWA and FTA air quality conformity determination for the amended SACOG 2012/13-2015/16 MTIP and MTP/SCS. This joint FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination for the amended SACOG 2012/13-2015/16 MTIP and 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.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 93.102(d), this conformity determination fulfills the requirement that areas designated nonattainment for the 8-hour ozone standard complete a conformity determination by July 20, 2013.

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 2012/13-2015/16 MTIP Amendment # 8 and Amendment # 2 to the 2035 MTP/SCS conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

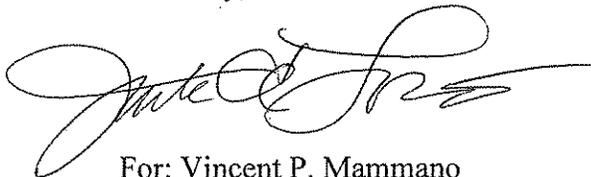
This approval is provided with the understanding that the FTA funding approval on the individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements, and that approval of this programming action does not provide a federal eligibility determination 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 SACOG MTIP 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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