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SUBJECT: SCAG 2013 FTIP AMENDMENT NO. 13-04

Dear Ms. Falsetti:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 13-04 to the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2012/13 – 2015/16 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and accompanied 2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) conformity analysis, submitted by your letter dated June 18, 2013. As detailed in your letter's enclosure, this amendment requests to add eight (8) individual project listings to SCAG's FTIP, and to modify nineteen (19) individual project listings – with removal of one (1) individual project listing – previously approved for inclusion in the FTIP and SCAG's RTP.

Acceptance of this amendment requires a joint FHWA and FTA air quality conformity determination be made – as necessary per the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Rule, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 51 and 93; and as required by FHWA/FTA's Metropolitan Planning Regulations, 23 CFR Part 450. Amendment approval and the air quality conformity determination that accounts for a new regional emissions analysis 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. 13-04, and RTP/SCS, conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004 *MOU between the FHWA – California Division and FTA – Region IX*, and based on our review of information submitted with the State's proposed 2012/13 – 2015/16 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), which includes revenues, proposed project funding information to demonstrate financial constraint, and statewide and metropolitan planning process documentation, we accept these modifications to the FSTIP and SCAG's RTP/SCS 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. 13-04, 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 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. If you have questions or need additional information concerning our FSTIP approval for this SCAG 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 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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