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**SUBJECT:** Amendment # 1 to the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Amendment # 8 to the 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), and the 2015 Conformity Analysis for the 2008 Ozone and 2012 PM2.5 Standards

Dear Mr. Boren:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the Fresno Council of Government's (FCOG) Amendment # 1 to the 2014 RTP and Amendment # 8 to the 2015 FTIP and the corresponding conformity analysis for the 2008 Ozone and 2012 PM2.5 Standards. In March 2015, a conformity rule with a new attainment year of 2031 was published, thus triggering a need for FCOG to conduct a conformity analysis of its 2014 RTP and 2015 FTIP as amended.

On October 22, 2015, FCOG adopted Amendment # 1 to the 2014 RTP and Amendment # 8 to the 2015 FTIP and the corresponding conformity analysis for 2008 Ozone and 2012 PM 2.5 Standards. On November 19, 2015, Caltrans approved Amendment # 8 to the 2015 FTIP and forwarded it to FHWA/FTA for approval. This amendment to FCOG's FTIP:

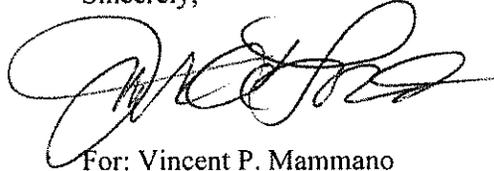
- Modifies, deletes and/or adds individual and grouped projects in the FCOG region. Funding sources include the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, Regional Surface Transportation Program, State Highway Operation and Protection Program, State Bond, FTA Section 5309B and local funds.

The conformity analysis submitted to FHWA and FTA by FCOG indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met, including those for the 2008 8-hour Ozone and 2012 PM2.5 Standards. Based on our review, we find that the 2014 RTP and 2015 FTIP, as amended, conform to the applicable state implementation plan (SIP) in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93.

In addition, the amendment process for the RTP and FTIP amendments fulfills all statewide and metropolitan planning requirements outlined in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015. In accordance with the December 15, 2014 *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, the FTA has concurred with this conformity determination and FTIP amendment. Additionally, this approval was made after consultation with the EPA, Region 9 office, pursuant to the Transportation Conformity Rule.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval, please contact Scott Carson ([scott.carson@dot.gov](mailto:scott.carson@dot.gov)) of the FHWA California Division at (916) 498-5029 or Eric Eidlin ([eric.eidlin@dot.gov](mailto:eric.eidlin@dot.gov)) of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 744-2502.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vincent P. Mammano', written in a cursive style.

*/s/ Leslie T. Rogers*

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For: Vincent P. Mammano  
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