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Mr. Andrew T. Chesley
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SUBJECT: SJCOG RTP Amendment # 2, 2015 FTIP Amendment # 14, and 2015 Conformity Analysis for the 2008 Ozone and 2012 PM2.5 Standards

Dear Mr. Chesley:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed the review of SJCOG's RTP Amendment # 2, FTIP Amendment # 14, and 2015 Conformity Analysis for the 2008 Ozone and 2012 PM 2.5 Standards that were submitted by your letter dated November 6, 2015. In March 2015 a conformity rule with a new attainment year of 2031 was published, thus triggering a need for SJCOG to conduct a conformity analysis of its 2014 RTP and 2015 FTIP, as amended.

On October 22, 2015, SJCOG adopted RTP Amendment # 2, 2015 FTIP Amendment # 14, and the Conformity Analysis for the 2008 Ozone and 2012 PM2.5 standards. On November 13, 2015 Caltrans approved Amendment # 14 to the 2015 FTIP and forwarded it to FHWA/FTA for approval. This amendment to SJCOG's FTIP:

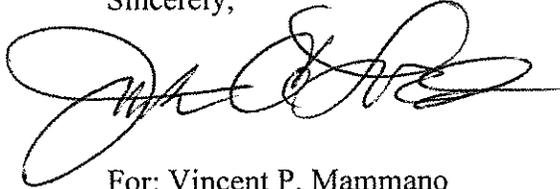
- Adds four new projects and modifies thirteen existing projects

The conformity analysis submitted to FHWA and FTA by SJCOG indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met, including those for the 8-hour ozone and PM 2.5 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 metropolitan planning requirements outlined in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015. In accordance with the December 14, 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 Cecilia Crenshaw (cecilia.crenshaw@dot.gov) of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5033 and Jerome Wiggins (jerome.wiggins@dot.gov) of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 744-2819.

Sincerely,

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

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

Leslie T. Rogers
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Federal Transit Administration

For: Vincent P. Mammano
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