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SUBJECT: CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR SCAG 2016 RTP/SCS

Dear Mr. Ikhata:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the conformity determination for the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) – *A Plan for Mobility, Accessibility, Sustainability and a High Quality of Life*. A FTA/FHWA air quality conformity determination is required for the new 2016 RTP/SCS pursuant to 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 *Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Planning*, 23 CFR Part 450.

On April 7, 2016 SCAG adopted the 2016 RTP/SCS via Resolution 16-578-2. 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 9 office, we find that SCAG's 2016 RTP/SCS conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. This conformity determination will remain in effect for four (4) years from the date of this letter and replaces the previous determination made on June 4, 2012. 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 agreed with this conformity determination, and a single signature constitutes FHWA and FTA's joint air quality conformity determination for SCAG's 2016 RTP/SCS. If you have questions on this conformity finding, 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.

Sincerely,

For: Vincent P. Mammano
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