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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry, Chief  
Office of Federal Transportation Management Program

SUBJECT: Conformity Determination for SACOG’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) and the SACOG FY 2015 - 2018 MTIP/ FSTIP Amendment #20

Dear Mr. de Terra:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the Sacramento Area Council of Government’s (SACOG) FY 2015 - 2018 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendment #20 submitted by your letter dated February 25, 2016. SACOG adopted Amendment #20 with Resolution No. 03-2016 on February 18, 2016. This amendment proposes to modify the scope, completion year, and/or amount of funding for 29-projects with a net increase in funding of approximately $64.7 million.

The conformity analysis submitted to the FHWA/ FTA by SACOG indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. In accordance with the December 15, 2014 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division and the Federal Transit Administration, Region 1X, the FTA has concurred with this conformity determination. Additionally, this finding has been coordinated with Region 9 of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 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 FY 2015 - 2018 MTIP through Amendment #20 continues to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93.

We accept the revisions to the FY 2015 - 2018 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 the SACOG FY 2015 - 2018 MTIP, including Amendment #20, was developed through a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive
transportation planning process in accordance with 23 U.S.C. §134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53. The FTA Region IX office has concurred with the approval of this amendment.

Based upon our review, we find the MTIP financial constraint documentation submitted with this amendment is financially constrained as required by the Federal surface transportation programs authorizing legislation and statewide and metropolitan planning and programming regulations. In accordance with the above MOU with FTA, the FHWA’s single signature constitutes FHWA and FTA’s joint air quality conformity determination for the SACOG’s MTP/SCS and the 2015 - 2018 MTIP. Accordingly, FHWA and FTA approve this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450. This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of SACOG’s 2015 MTIP Amendment #20 into California’s 2015 FSTIP.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please call Stew Sonnenberg at (916) 498-5889, or by email at stew.sonnenberg@dot.gov, or Jerome Wiggins at (415) 744-2819, or by email at jerome.wiggins@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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