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

SUBJECT: SACOG FY 2015 - 2018 FTIP/FSTIP Amendment No. 5  

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 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 5 submitted by your letter dated April 14, 2015. The SACOG approved Amendment No. 5 on April 7, 2015. With that action, the SACOG approved the program revisions and made the determination that SACOG’s 2015 FTIP remains in conformity with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. This amendment proposes to modify the source and/or amount of funding for projects with a net increase in funding of approximately $117.9 million.  

We have determined that this program revision does not require a new regional emissions analysis because the projects were found to conform as part of a previous analysis, pursuant to the transportation conformity provisions found in 40 CFR Part 93, section 122(g). 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 2015 FTIP through Amendment No. 5 continues to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).  

Per the December 15, 2014 Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX, 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 2014/15 - 2017/18 FTIP, including Amendment No. 5, 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 which includes
Transit Element projects. This approval is made with the understanding that FTA funding approval of projects is subject to the grantees meeting the necessary administrative requirements.

Based upon our review, we find the FTIP 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. Accordingly, FHWA and FTA approve this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450. This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of SACOG's 2015 FTIP Amendment No. 5 into California's 2015 FSTIP.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please call Stew Sonnenberg at (916) 498-5889 or Jerome Wiggins at (415) 744-2819.

Sincerely,

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