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Attention: Federal Resources Office, M.S. 82
For Rachel Falsetti, Division of Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. McKeever and Mr. Dougherty:

SUBJECT: SACOG FY 2010/11-2013/14 MTIP Amendment # 6, 2011 MTP Amendment # 5
and Associated Air Quality Conformity Determination

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed the review of Amendment # 6 to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) 2010/11-2013/14 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and the accompanying required Air Quality Conformity Determination that was submitted by your letter dated June 27, 2011. SACOG approved Amendment # 6 to the 2010/11-2013/14 MTIP, Amendment # 5 to the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the accompanying Air Quality Conformity Determination on June 16, 2011. This amendment to SACOG's MTIP:

- Addresses 32 individual projects and two grouped project listings from various funding sources in the SACOG region. Funding sources include the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), Highway Bridge Program, State Transportation Improvement Program, State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP), State Bond funds – Proposition 1B, FTA Sections 5307, 5309 and 5317 and local funds. Amendment # 6 includes a new air quality conformity emissions analysis and conformity determination and also references Amendment # 5 to SACOG's 2035 MTP.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we accept the modifications to the 2010/11 – 2013/14 Federal Statewide Transportation

Improvement Program (FSTIP) and the 2011 MTP 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 SACOG's 2010/11-2013/14 MTIP through Amendment # 6 and the 2035 MTP through Amendment # 5 were developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the metropolitan planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134, and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as amended by Section 6001 of Public Law 109-59, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

This amendment acceptance is pursuant to a joint FHWA and FTA air quality conformity determination for the amended SACOG FY 2010/11 – 2013/14 MTIP. This joint FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination for the amended SACOG FY 2010/11 - 2013/14 MTIP and the 2035 MTP is required by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Rule, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the FHWA/FTA Metropolitan Planning Regulations, 23 CFR Part 450.

This finding has been coordinated with EPA Region 9 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 2010/11-2013/14 MTIP through Amendment # 6 and 2035 MTP through Amendment # 5 conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This approval is provided with the understanding that the FTA funding approval on the individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements, and that approval of this programming action does not provide a federal eligibility determination for CMAQ projects or any other project funding source included in this amendment.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval for this SACOG FSTIP amendment, please contact Scott Carson (Scott.Carson@dot.gov) of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5029.

Sincerely,



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