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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry

**SUBJECT: Sacramento Area Council of Governments' (SACOG) 2020 Regional  
Transportation Plan (RTP) and the 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement  
Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 18 and Associated Conformity Determination**

Dear Messrs. De Terra and Corless:

The Federal Highway Administration, (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of SACOG's 2020 RTP and 2019 FTIP Amendment No. 18 and associated conformity determination, which was submitted by the California Department of Transportation's Transportation Programming Office on November 18, 2019.

We find that the SACOG's FTIP, as amended, was 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 Public Law 114-94, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

SACOG approved the 2020 RTP and 2019 FTIP, as amended, and the accompanying conformity analysis on November 18, 2019. The conformity analysis submitted indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met.

Pursuant to the February 14, 2018, Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the FHWA, California Division, and the FTA, Region 9, we accept the modifications to the 2019 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the SACOG region in accordance

with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning published in the May 27, 2016 Federal Register. We find that the 2020 RTP and 2019 FTIP, as amended, conform to the applicable state implementation plan (SIP) in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93.

As agreed in the MOA, FHWA's single signature constitutes the FHWA and the FTA's joint approval and air quality conformity determination for SACOG's 2020 RTP and 2019 FTIP as amended. Additionally, this approval was made after consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 9 Office, pursuant to the Transportation Conformity Rule.

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 the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) projects or any other project funding source included in this amendment.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval, please contact Antonio Johnson of the FHWA California Division Office at (916) 498-5889/or by email at [antonio.johnson@dot.gov](mailto:antonio.johnson@dot.gov) or Joseph Vaughn at (916) 498-5346/by email at [joseph.vaughn@dot.gov](mailto:joseph.vaughn@dot.gov).

Sincerely,



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