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SUBJECT: Amendment No. 11 to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments Federal  
Transportation Improvement Program FFY 2018-19 to FFY 2021-22

Dear Mr. de Terra:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 11 to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Federal Transportation Improvement Program portion of the 2019 California Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), which was submitted by your letter dated August 30, 2019. As detailed in your letter enclosed, this amendment requests to modify and add projects in the Sacramento Area funded from the Active Transportation Program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, Earmark Repurposed Funds, Highway Bridge Program, Highway Infrastructure Program, High Priority Program, Highway Safety Improvement Program, State Highway Operations and Protection Program, State Transportation Improvement Program, Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5309 Program. This amendment also adds performance measures language to support SACOG's targets for Bridge and Pavement Conditions (PM2) and System Performance, Freight, and Air Quality (PM3).

We have determined the project listings from this amendment do not require a conformity determination prior to FSTIP programming because they are either exempt and/or located in an area of California designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal Air Quality Standards. However, as indicated, projects must comply with project level conformity requirements when a Federal action, such as a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) decision, is taken on a project. Acceptance of this FSTIP amendment has been coordinated with Region 9 of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the *National Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Transportation (DOT) and EPA on Transportation Conformity*, dated April 25, 2000.


Pursuant to the February 14, 2018 *Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the FHWA – California Division and FTA – Region 9*, and based on our review of information submitted that includes revenues and proposed project funding information to demonstrate financial constraint, we accept this FSTIP amendment in accordance with 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 450 and 49 CFR Part 613 (see the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning published in the May 27, 2016 Federal Register). We have determined the amended SACOG portion of the 2019 California FSTIP, including Amendment No. 11, was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 United States Code (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).

Our approval is given with the understanding that an eligibility determination of individual projects for funding must be met, and the applicant must ensure satisfaction of all administrative and statutory requirements. If you have questions or would like additional information regarding our approval of Amendment No. 11 to the SACOG portion of the FSTIP, feel free to contact Antonio Johnson of the FHWA California Division at (916) 498-5889, or by email at [antonio.johnson@dot.gov](mailto:antonio.johnson@dot.gov); or Lucinda Eagle of the FTA's Region 9 Office at (415) 734-9457 or by email at [lucinda.eagle@dot.gov](mailto:lucinda.eagle@dot.gov).

*/s/ Raymond Tellis*

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Sincerely,

  
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