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Dear Mr. Ikhtrata:

SUBJECT: Conformity Determination for SCAG's 2008 Regional Transportation Plan and 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program through Amendment #13

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the conformity determinations for the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), *Making the Connections* and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) through Amendment #13. A FTA/FHWA air quality conformity determination is required for the new RTP pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the United States Department of Transportation's *Metropolitan Planning Rule*, 23 CFR Part 450. Additionally, SCAG made a new conformity determination on the 2006 RTIP to ensure consistency with the new RTP.

On May 8, 2008, SCAG adopted the 2008 RTP, amended RTIP and made the corresponding conformity determinations via Resolution 08-497-2. The conformity analysis submitted by SCAG indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, we find that the 2008 RTP and 2006 RTIP as amended conform to the applicable state implementation plan in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. In accordance with the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, the FTA has concurred with this conformity determination. Additionally, this conformity determination was made after consultation with the EPA, Region 9 office.

In accordance with the above MOU, the FHWA's single signature constitutes FHWA and FTA's joint air quality conformity determination for SCAG's new 2008 RTP and amended 2006 RTIP. If you have any questions pertaining to this conformity finding, please contact Ms. Michelle Noch, FHWA, at 312-202-3953.

Sincerely,

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