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SUBJECT:

Conformity Determination for SCAG's 2012-2035 RTP/ SCS through

Amendment No. 1 and the 2013 FTIP through Amendment No. 13-04

Dear Mr. Ikhrata:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the conformity determination for Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG's) 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) through Amendment No. 1 and the 2013 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) through Amendment No. 13-04. A FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination is required 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.

On June 6, 2013, SCAG adopted Amendment No. 1 to the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, Amendment No. 13-04 to the 2013 FTIP, and the corresponding conformity determination. The conformity analysis submitted by SCAG indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, we find that Amendment No. 1 to the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and Amendment No. 13-04 to the 2013 FTIP 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, FTA has concurred with this conformity determination. Additionally, this conformity determination was made after consultation with the EPA Region 9 office.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning this conformity determination, please contact Mr. Stew Sonnenberg of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5889 or by email at Stew.Sonnenberg@dot.gov.

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