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Dear Mr. Ikhata:

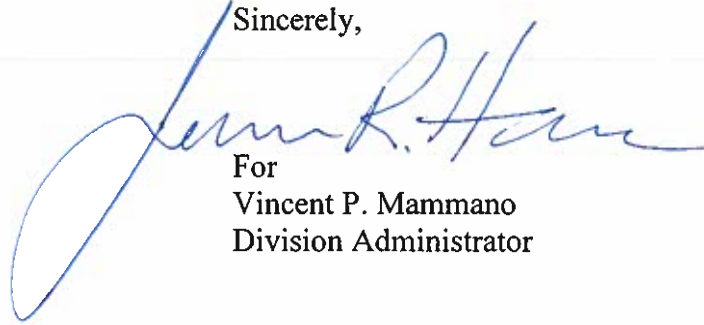
SUBJECT: CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR SCAG's 2012 RTP/SCS and 2010/11 FTIP through AMENDMENT NO. 11-24

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the conformity determinations for the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2012 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) – *Towards a Sustainable Future*, and the 2010/11 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) through Amendment No. 11-24. A FTA/FHWA air quality conformity determination is required pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 Code of Regulations (CFR) Parts 51 and 93, and the United States Department of Transportation's *Metropolitan Planning Rule*, 23 CFR Part 450. SCAG's new conformity determination for the 2010/11 FTIP was completed to ensure consistency with the new RTP.

On April 4, 2012 SCAG adopted the 2012 RTP/SCS and the associated Consistency Amendment No. 11-24 to the 2010/11 FTIP via Resolution No. 12-538-2. The conformity analysis submitted by SCAG indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, we find that the 2012 RTP/SCS and 2010/11 FTIP through Amendment No. 11-24 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 Federal Transit Administration Region IX*, the FTA has concurred with this conformity determination. Furthermore, this conformity determination was made in consultation with the EPA's Region IX office.

In accordance with the MOU between the FHWA and FTA mentioned above, the FHWA's single signature constitutes the FHWA and FTA's joint air quality conformity determination for SCAG's new 2012 RTP/SCS and amended 2010/11 FTIP via Amendment No. 11-24. If you have any questions pertaining to this conformity finding, please contact Stew Sonnenberg at (916) 498-5889, or by email at stew.sonnenberg@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vincent P. Mammano". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long tail.

For
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