

Section 1. Introduction

The Final PEIR Addendum for the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) completes the Final 2008 RTP PEIR (Final PEIR), pursuant to Section 15088 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. This Final PEIR Addendum (Addendum) has been prepared by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088 et seq. The Final PEIR is comprised of the Draft 2008 RTP PEIR and this Addendum, including text changes that reference back to the Draft PEIR.

The Final PEIR is required under Section 15132 of the CEQA Guidelines to include the Draft PEIR or a revised version; comments and recommendations received on the Draft PEIR either verbatim or in summary; a list of persons, organizations, and public agencies who commented on the Draft PEIR; responses to those comments; and any other relevant information added by the lead agency (including minor changes to the PEIR and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program).

The public review for the Draft 2008 RTP PEIR (Draft PEIR) began on January 3, 2008, and closed on February 18, 2008 (a total of 47 days). However, since February 18th was a federal holiday and SCAG's offices were closed, comments were accepted through the close of business on February 19, 2008. This document contains responses to comments received on the Draft PEIR and identifies revisions to the 2008 RTP since the publication of the Draft PEIR. This Addendum will be submitted to the SCAG Regional Council for action as part of requested certification of the Final PEIR. Once the Regional Council certifies that the Final PEIR adequately addresses CEQA requirements, and after making required conformity findings, the Regional Council may approve the 2008 Final RTP.

Section 2 of this document includes a discussion of changes to the 2008 RTP since publication of the Draft PEIR. Section 3 includes five Master Responses to comments that address the following themes that reoccurred in the comments: Growth Forecast(s) in the RTP, Program EIR versus Project/Site Specific EIR, Role of SCAG and SCAG's Authority, Mitigation Measures, Alternatives. Section 4 includes a list of commentors and copies of the comments received on the Draft PEIR, and Section 5 provides the responses to those comments. Section 6 provides a list of corrections and additions to the Draft PEIR. Section 7 is the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) prepared in compliance with the requirements of Section 21081.6 of the California Public Resources Code and Section 15091(d) and 15097 of the CEQA Guidelines.

This Addendum addresses comments received on the Draft PEIR. Some of the comment letters received on the Draft PEIR also provide comments on the RTP. In addition SCAG received numerous letters commenting on only the RTP. Where a letter contains comments on both the RTP and the RTP PEIR, a copy of the letter is contained in this Addendum and is summarized in the 2008 RTP Public Participation and

Consultation Report, May 2008 (RTP Public Participation and Consultation Report). Responses to PEIR-related comments are provided in this Addendum. Summaries of all comments received on the RTP, and responses to those comments are provided in the RTP Public Participation and Consultation Report. For comment letters containing both RTP and PEIR comments, this Addendum provides responses to the PEIR comments and provides references to the RTP responses contained in the RTP Public Participation and Consultation Report.

