

**ADDENDUM #2 TO THE 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
PLAN PROGRAM
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

**Amendment #2 of the 2008 RTP
Minor Updates and Additional Revisions to the 2008 RTP Project List**

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INTRODUCTION

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) proposes to amend the 2008 RTP (2008 RTP Amendment #2) to reflect minor updates and additional revisions to projects contained in the project list attached to the Final 2008 RTP (2008 RTP or Plan) as amended in October 2008.

The Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (2008 PEIR) was certified on May 8, 2008;¹ minor revisions were made in an RTP Amendment and reviewed in an EIR Addendum in October 2008. This 2nd Addendum to the 2008 RTP PEIR has been prepared to address additional minor updates and additional revisions to the 2008 RTP project list.

As the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Cal. Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 et seq.), SCAG prepared the Final RTP PEIR for the 2008 RTP to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with implementation of the 2008 RTP and to identify practical and feasible mitigation measures. The 2008 PEIR identifies the potentially significant environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the projects, operations, programs, and policies included in the 2008 RTP. The 2008 PEIR serves as the informational document to inform decision-makers, agencies and the public of the potential environmental consequences of approving the 2008 RTP. As is appropriate for a program EIR, the 2008 PEIR focuses on the broad policy alternatives and program-wide mitigation measures (*CEQA Guidelines* Section 15168(b)(4)).² The 2008 PEIR is a first tier environmental document that serves as a regional-scale environmental analysis and planning tool that can be used to support subsequent, site-specific project-level CEQA analyses.

The 2008 RTP is a long-range program that addresses the transportation needs for the six-county SCAG Region through 2035. It includes both specific projects and strategies that address transportation goals and policies and potential growth patterns. Projects analyzed in the 2008 RTP PEIR include highway improvements such as mixed flow lanes, interchanges, ramps, high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes, toll lanes, and arterials; transit improvements such as bus, bus rapid transit (BRT) and various rail upgrades; high speed regional transport (HSRT); and goods movement strategies. Although the 2008 RTP has a long-term time horizon under which projects are planned and proposed to be implemented, federal and state mandates ensure that the Plan is both flexible and responsive in the near term. Therefore, the 2008 RTP is regarded as both a long-term regional transportation blueprint and as a dynamic planning tool subject to ongoing refinement and modification.

¹ The Final 2008 Regional Transportation Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2007061126) ("Final PEIR" or "2008 PEIR") is incorporated herein by this reference and an electronic version is available at <http://scag.ca.gov/RTPpeir2008/final/addendum.htm>.

² Unless otherwise indicated, all citations by section number are to the *CEQA Guidelines* (Cal. Administrative Code, tit. 14, Section 15000 et seq.)

Section 15152 of the *CEQA Guidelines* indicates that subsequent environmental analyses for separate, but related, future projects may tier off the analysis contained in the PEIR. The *CEQA Guidelines* do not require a Program EIR to specifically list all subsequent activities that may be within its scope. For large scale planning approvals (such as the RTP), where site-specific EIRs or negative declarations will subsequently be prepared for specific projects broadly identified within a Program EIR, site-specific analysis can be deferred until the project level environmental document is prepared (Sections 15168 and 15152) provided deferral does not prevent adequate identification of significant effects of the planning approval at hand.

BASIS FOR THE ADDENDUM

An Addendum to the 2008 RTP PEIR is appropriate to address proposed changes to the 2008 RTP contained in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2. The 2008 RTP Amendment #2 contains a list of all currently proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list. The changes now proposed to the 2008 RTP project list generally consist of the following:

- Changes in completion year of project already included in the 2008 RTP
- Changes in estimated costs of project already included in the 2008 RTP
- Changes to HOV and Mixed Flow projects, including changes to lane widening projects, new lane widening projects, intersection construction and reconfigurations.

Further detail on the proposed 2008 RTP Amendment #2 is provided below under the subheading "Project Description."

When an EIR has been certified and the project is modified or otherwise changed after certification, additional CEQA review may be necessary. The key considerations in determining the need for the appropriate type of additional CEQA review are outlined in Section 21166 of the Public Resources Code (CEQA) and *CEQA Guidelines* Sections 15162, 15163 and 15164.

Section 21166 of CEQA specifically provides that a Subsequent or Supplemental EIR is not required unless the following occurs:

- (1) Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the EIR.
- (2) Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken which will require major revisions in the EIR.
- (3) New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known at the time the EIR was certified as complete, becomes available.

An Addendum may be prepared by the Lead Agency that prepared the original EIR if some changes or additions are necessary, but none of the conditions have occurred requiring preparation of a Subsequent EIR (Section 15164(a)). An Addendum must include a brief explanation of the agency's decision not to prepare a Subsequent EIR and be supported by substantial evidence in the record as a whole (Section 15164(e)). The Addendum to the EIR need not be circulated for public review but it may be included in or attached to the Final EIR (Section 15164(c)). The decision-making body must consider the Addendum to the EIR prior to making a decision on the project (15164(d)).

For the reasons set forth in this Addendum, SCAG has determined that an Addendum to the 2008 PEIR is the appropriate CEQA document because the proposed revisions to the 2008 RTP project list **do not meet** the following conditions of Section 15162(a) for preparation of a Subsequent EIR:

- (1) Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions in the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
- (2) Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
- (3) New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence, at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete or the negative declaration was adopted, shows any of the following:
 - a. The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR;
 - b. Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR;
 - c. Mitigation measures or alternative previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or
 - d. Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

While the proposed changes to the RTP project list may represent “*New information of substantial importance...*” at the local level, these changes are not substantial at the regional scale analyzed in the 2008 PEIR and as stated in 15162(a)(3), proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list would not result in one or more significant effects (at the regional level) not discussed in the 2008 PEIR, nor result in impacts that are substantially more severe than shown in the 2008 PEIR. Moreover, no changes to the mitigation measures contained in the 2008 PEIR are being proposed that could trigger additional review regarding such measures. Furthermore, as discussed in the 2008 RTP PEIR, the level of detail for individual projects on the RTP project list is generally insufficient to be able to reliably analyze local effects. Such analysis is more appropriately undertaken in Tier 2, project-specific environmental documents undertaken by the individual agencies proposing each project. Proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list, contained in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 do not result in any of the conditions described in CEQA section 15162(a).

As indicated in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 (and summarized above), no substantial changes are proposed to this regional scale project (the 2008 RTP); the 2008 RTP PEIR was certified approximately 16 months ago, since that time, economic conditions have

resulted in slowed growth which in general has led to limited changes occurring with respect to the circumstances under which the 2008 RTP (as amended) is to be undertaken.

SCAG has assessed the additional projects at the programmatic level, and finds that the projects identified in this Amendment are consistent with the analysis, mitigation measures, and Findings of Fact contained in the 2008 PEIR. Further, SCAG finds that the proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list identified in 2008 RTP Amendment #2 would not result in a substantial change to the region-wide impacts programmaticaly addressed in the 2008 PEIR.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As noted above, the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 includes minor changes to the project list contained in the 2008 RTP as amended by Amendment #1. There are generally two types of projects included in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2:

(1) Minor Revisions to Projects – These projects appear in the existing 2008 RTP as amended. Project changes being included in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 include the following:

- minor revisions to project scopes (such as adding additional lanes and arterial widening projects, revisions to interchanges and intersections, and updating project descriptions to reflect slight modifications and the latest project development details, including revised post miles),
- minor revisions to schedules (revised completion years, mostly within ten years of the completion year indicated in the 2008 RTP as amended),
- minor revisions and/or changes in project costs (usually consisting of increases to previously estimated costs),
- minor revisions to projects that have been split into multiple projects,
- deletions of duplicate projects.

(2) Minor New Projects – These projects were not included in the 2008 RTP project list as amended and are being added. New projects represent small technical additions to existing infrastructure that were included in the regional level analysis conducted in the 2008 PEIR. For the most part, these projects consist of lane widening at existing arterials.

The revised 2008 RTP project list can be found in Chapter 2 of the 2008 RTP Amendment #2.

ANALYSIS OF IMPACTS

The changes to the 2008 RTP project list identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 would not result in a substantial change to the region-wide impacts programmaticaly addressed in the 2008 PEIR. The 2008 PEIR broadly identifies a number of region-wide significant impacts that would result from the numerous transportation policies and projects encompassed by the 2008 RTP.

The 2008 PEIR presents analysis at the programmatic level of various types of projects, including both modifications to the existing system as well as new systems such as new facilities, goods movement roadway facilities, rail corridors, flyovers, interchanges, and High-Speed Regional Transport.

Although the new projects identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 were not identified in the 2008 PEIR, SCAG has assessed these additional projects at the programmatic level and finds that they are consistent with the scope, goals, and policies contained in the 2008 RTP and with the analysis and conclusions presented in the 2008 PEIR. Further, each project will be fully assessed at the project-level by the implementing agency in accordance with CEQA, NEPA, and all other applicable regulations.

No changes to the mitigation measures contained in the 2008 PEIR are proposed. SCAG has determined that the changes and additions identified above would result in impacts that would fall within the range of impacts identified in the 2008 PEIR. Therefore, no substantial physical impacts to the environment beyond those already anticipated and documented in the 2008 PEIR are anticipated to result from the changes and additions identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2.

Aesthetics and Views

The proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 are not expected to cause significant adverse impacts to aesthetics or views beyond those already described in the 2008 PEIR. Significant impacts anticipated in the 2008 PEIR would be the obstruction of scenic views and resources, altering areas along state designated scenic highways and vista points, creating significant contrasts with the scale, form, line, color and overall visual character of the existing landscape, and adding visual urban elements to rural areas (2008 PEIR pp. 3.1-10 – 3.1-22).

The revised project list included in 2008 RTP Amendment #2 would not result in a substantial change to the region-wide impacts programmaticaly addressed in the 2008 PEIR.

Air Quality

The proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 are not expected to cause additional significant air quality impacts beyond those already identified in the 2008 PEIR. The 2008 PEIR identified significant and unavoidable impacts to regional air quality, cancer risk increases, and short-term air emissions from implementation of the RTP (2008 PEIR pp 3.2-22 – 3.2-43). The conformity analysis performed for the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 determined that the proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list meet the regional emissions test and all other federally required conformity tests for all non-attainment and maintenance areas in the SCAG region. The conformity analysis demonstrated a positive conformity finding, showing that clean air requirements have been met.

Incorporation of the projects identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 would not result in a substantial change to the air quality impacts programmaticaly addressed in the 2008 PEIR.

Biological Resources

The proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 are consistent with the findings of the 2008 PEIR analysis of biological resources. The 2008 PEIR concluded that implementation of the RTP would adversely

affect biological resources and result in habitat loss, fragmentation and degradation, direct fatalities to wild-life, encroachment of non-native species, water diversion and degradation, displacement of riparian, wetland, or other sensitive habitats, and other human activities, such as litter, light pollution, trampling, off-road vehicle activity and increasing access to previously inaccessible and undisturbed areas (2008 PEIR pp 3.3-22 – 3.3-57).

Detailed project-level analysis, including project level mitigation measures, will be conducted by each implementing agency for each individual project. The analysis in the 2008 PEIR adequately addresses the range of impacts that could result from the proposed projects (as revised by the 2008 RTP Amendments #1 and #2) at the program level. The incorporation of the projects identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 would not result in a substantial change to the region-wide impacts programmatically addressed in the 2008 PEIR.

Cultural Resources

The proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 would result in impacts consistent with the findings of the 2008 PEIR on cultural resources. The 2008 PEIR determined that the development of new transportation facilities may affect archaeological and paleontological resources, primarily through the disturbance of buried resources. Additionally, the development of new transportation facilities may affect historic architectural resources (structures 50 years or older), either through direct affects to buildings within the proposed project area, or through indirect affects to the area surrounding a resource if it creates a visually incompatible structure adjacent to a historic structure (2008 PEIR pp. 3.4-19 - 3.4-29).

Incorporation of the projects identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 would not result in a substantial change to the region-wide impacts programmatically addressed in the 2008 PEIR.

Energy

The proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 are not expected to cause significant energy impacts beyond those identified in the 2008 PEIR. The 2008 PEIR concluded that significant impacts would result from an increase in transportation-related energy demands. Impacts that would occur upon implementation of the 2008 RTP include the substantial increase in consumption of electricity, natural gas, gasoline, diesel, and other non-renewable energy types and the potential inability to meet greenhouse gas reduction levels identified in AB32 (2008 PEIR pp. 3.5-32 – 3.5-46).

The analysis in the 2008 PEIR adequately addresses the range of impacts that could result from these projects at the program level. Incorporation of the projects identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 would not result in a substantial change to the region-wide impacts programmatically addressed in the 2008 PEIR.

Geology, Soils, and Seismicity

Potential impacts on geology, soils, and seismicity resulting from the proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 would be consistent with the findings of the 2008 PEIR. The 2008 PEIR identified that damage to transportation infrastructure can result from geologic and seismic activity, such as surface rupture, ground shaking, subsidence, liquefaction, soil expansion and land-sliding. In addition work associated with implementation of the 2008 RTP could cause

impacts such as soil erosion and ground instability. However, incorporation of mitigation measures identified in the 2008 PEIR would alleviate significant impacts associated with geological safety (2008 PEIR pp. 3.6-17 – 3.6-25).

Detailed project level analysis, including project level mitigation measures, will be conducted by the implementing agency of each project. The incorporation of the projects identified in 2008 RTP Amendment #2 would not result in a substantial change to the region-wide impacts programmatically addressed in the 2008 PEIR.

Hazardous Materials

Potential impacts on hazardous materials from the proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 would be consistent with the findings of the 2008 PEIR. The 2008 PEIR concluded that the RTP would facilitate the movement of goods, including hazardous materials, through the region. The potential significant impacts include potential hazards created due to the disturbance of contaminated property during implementation of the 2008 RTP and risk of accidental releases due to an increase in the transportation of hazardous materials and the potential for such releases to reach schools within one-quarter mile of transportation facilities affected by the 2008 RTP (2008 PEIR pp. 3.7-12 – 3.7-18).

The analysis in the 2008 PEIR adequately addresses impacts at the program level that could result from the projects identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2. Incorporation of the proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list would not result in any additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the 2008 PEIR.

Land Use

Potential impacts to land use that could result from the proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list contained in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 are anticipated to result in impacts consistent with the findings of the 2008 PEIR. The 2008 PEIR analyzed potential impacts of the 2008 RTP on land use consistency and compatibility. The 2008 PEIR concluded that the RTP would result in significant impacts that could disrupt and divide established communities or cause inconsistencies with general plans or other adopted local land use policies and plans (2008 PEIR pp. 3.8-10 – 3.8-17).

The analysis in the 2008 PEIR adequately addresses impacts at the program level that could result from the projects identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2. Incorporation of the proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list would not result in any additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the 2008 PEIR.

Noise

Potential noise impacts from the proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 are anticipated to be consistent with the findings of the 2008 PEIR for noise. The projects could potentially cause temporary or permanent increases in ambient noise levels and expose noise-sensitive land uses to noise increases in excess of acceptable levels. However, the assessment in the 2008 PEIR Noise Chapter adequately evaluates these impacts at the programmatic level and includes mitigation measures to be implemented at the project level (2008 PEIR pp. 3.9-13 – 3.9-32). Impacts from the proposed project identified in this Amendment would be expected to fall within the range of impacts previously identified in the 2008 PEIR.

The analysis in the 2008 PEIR adequately addresses impacts at the program level that could result from the projects identified in 2008 RTP Amendment #2. Incorporation of the

proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list would not result in any additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the 2008 PEIR.

Open Space

Potential impacts to open space resources from the proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 are anticipated to be consistent with the findings of the 2008 PEIR for open space. The 2008 PEIR concluded that the RTP would result in significant impacts such as the loss and disturbance of agricultural lands, the loss and disturbance of natural open space and/or recreational lands, and the deterioration and decreased performance of recreational facilities through increased use by a growing population (2008 PEIR pp. 3.10-20 – 3.10-33).

The analysis in the 2008 PEIR adequately addresses impacts at the program level that could result from the projects identified in 2008 RTP Amendment #2. Incorporation of the proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list would not result in any additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the 2008 PEIR.

Population, Housing and Employment

Potential impacts to population, housing, and employment from the proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 are anticipated to be consistent with the findings for the 2008 PEIR. The 2008 PEIR analyzed potential impacts to population growth and current residential and business land uses that could occur upon implementation of the 2008 RTP. The 2008 PEIR concluded that the RTP would result in significant impacts to population growth and the displacement of a number of existing homes and businesses (2008 PEIR pp. 3.11-9 – 3.11-14).

These impacts are within the range of impacts assessed at the programmatic level in the 2008 PEIR. Therefore, inclusion of the projects identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 would not result in a substantial change to the region-wide impacts programatically addressed in the 2008 PEIR.

Public Services and Utilities

The potential impacts from the proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 are anticipated to be within the range of, and consistent with the findings of the 2008 PEIR for public services and utilities of the 2008 PEIR. Anticipated significant cumulative impacts include demand for more police, fire, emergency personnel and facilities; demand for more school facilities and teachers; demand for additional solid waste services, and increased potential of encountering and severing utility lines during implementation of the 2008 RTP (2008 PEIR pp. 3.12-14 – 3.12-25).

The analysis in the 2008 PEIR adequately addresses impacts at the program level that could result from the proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2. Incorporation of the proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list would not result in any additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the 2008 PEIR.

Security and Emergency Preparedness

Potential impacts to security and emergency preparedness from the proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 are anticipated to be consistent with the findings for the 2008 PEIR. The 2008 PEIR determined that implementation of the 2008 RTP could impair transportation safety, security, and

reliability; inhibit response and recovery from major human-caused or natural disaster events, and increase the number of households in areas subject to wildfires (2008 PEIR pp. 3.13-14 – 3.13-22).

The analysis in the 2008 PEIR adequately addresses impacts at the program level that could result from the projects identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2. Incorporation of the proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list would not result in any additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the 2008 PEIR.

Transportation

Proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 are not expected to cause significant adverse impacts on region-wide transportation beyond what was analyzed in the 2008 PEIR. The 2008 PEIR utilized data from the 2035 transportation model output to present a regional analysis for the impacts of the 2008 RTP on transportation. The 2008 PEIR identifies the following significant impacts from implementation of the 2008 RTP: increased Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT); increased vehicle hours traveled (VHT); increased average daily VHT in delay for heavy-duty truck trips; increased percentage of work opportunities within a 45 minute travel time; and decreased system-wide fatality accident rate and injury accident rate in the SCAG region (2008 PEIR pp. 3.14-21 – 3.3-28).

Analysis in the 2008 PEIR adequately addressed impacts that could result from the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 at the program level. Therefore, inclusion of the projects identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 would not result in a substantial change to the region-wide impacts programmatically addressed in the 2008 PEIR.

Water Resources

The potential impacts from the proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 are anticipated to be within the range of, and consistent with the findings of the 2008 PEIR on water resources. The 2008 PEIR identified decreased surface water quality, the potential for substantial erosion and/or siltation due to altered drainage patterns, decreased stormwater infiltration and groundwater recharge, and an increase in impervious surfaces and potential flooding hazards as a significant adverse impact (2008 PEIR pp. 3.15-35 – 3.15-54).

The analysis in the 2008 PEIR adequately addresses region-wide impacts at the program level that could result from the 2008 RTP with the addition of projects identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2. Incorporation of the proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list would not result in any additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the 2008 PEIR.

COMPARISON OF ALTERNATIVES

The proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 would not significantly affect the comparison of alternatives in the 2008 PEIR. Amendment #2 to the 2008 RTP is within the scope of the programmatic-level comparison among the alternatives considered in the 2008 PEIR: 1) No Project; 2) Modified 2004 RTP Alternative; and 3) The Envision Alternative. The analysis in the Comparison of Alternatives chapter of the 2008 PEIR would not be significantly affected by the inclusion of the projects identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2. Therefore, no further comparison is required at the programmatic level.

LONG TERM EFFECTS

The changes to the 2008 RTP project list identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 would result in impacts within the scope of the discussion presented in the long-term effects chapter of the 2008 PEIR, which includes an assessment of programmatic level unavoidable impacts, irreversible impacts, growth inducing impacts, and cumulative impacts (2008 PEIR pp. 5-1 – 5-10). Unavoidable and irreversible impacts from the inclusion changes to the 2008 RTP project list identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 are reasonably covered by the unavoidable and irreversible impacts previously discussed in the certified 2008 PEIR.

Any growth inducing impacts are expected to be approximately equivalent to those previously disclosed in the 2008 PEIR (2008 PEIR pp. 5-1 – 5-10). Overall, the proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list presented in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2, are within the scope of the broad, programmatic-level impacts identified and disclosed in the 2008 PEIR. Thus, the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 would result in impacts consistent with the findings on long-term effects analysis contained in the 2008 PEIR.

CONCLUSION

After completing a programmatic environmental assessment of the proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list, SCAG finds that adoption of the proposed project list identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 would not result in either new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of any previously identified significant effect. The proposed changes, while individually potentially substantial at the local level, are not substantial changes in the context of the region analyzed in the 2008 PEIR. The proposed changes to the RTP project list do not require revisions to the programmatic, region-wide analysis presented in the 2008 PEIR.

Further, SCAG finds that the proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list identified in the 2008 RTP Amendment #2 do not significantly affect the comparison of regional alternatives or the potential significant impacts previously disclosed in the 2008 PEIR. As such, SCAG has assessed the proposed changes to the 2008 RTP project list included in Chapter 2 of RTP Amendment #2 at the programmatic level, and finds that inclusion of the proposed changes would be consistent with the analysis and mitigation measures contained in the 2008 PEIR, as well as the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations made in connection with the 2008 RTP. Therefore, a subsequent or supplemental EIR is not required and this Addendum #2 to the 2008 PEIR fulfills the requirements of CEQA.