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Mr. Darin Chidsey
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Attention: Mr. Naresh Amatya

SUBJECT: Conformity Determination for SCAG's 2019 FTIP, 2019 FTIP Amendment No. 19-01, and SCAG's 2016-2040 RTP/SCS through Amendment No. 3

Dear Mr. Chidsey:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of the conformity determination for the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2019-22 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), including FTIP Amendment No. 19-01, and 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Amendment No. 3. A FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination is required for SCAG's new 2019-22 FTIP, including FTIP Amendment No. 19-01, and 2016-2040 RTP/SCS Amendment No. 3 pursuant the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 51 and 93, and the United States Department of Transportation's *Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Planning*, 23 CFR Part 450.

On September 6, 2018 SCAG adopted the 2019-22 FTIP, including FTIP Amendment No. 19-01, and 2016-2040 RTP/SCS Amendment No. 3. SCAG made the corresponding conformity determinations via Resolutions No. 18-603-4 and 18-603-3, respectively. The conformity analysis submitted indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review and after consultation with the EPA Region 9 Office we find that SCAG's 2019-22 FTIP, including FTIP Amendment No. 19-01, and 2016-2040 RTP/SCS Amendment No. 3 conform to the applicable state implementation plan in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. In correlation with the February 14, 2018 *Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the FHWA California Division and the FTA Region 9*, FTA has concurred with this conformity determination.

Also, as associated with the above MOA, the FHWA's single signature constitutes the FHWA and the FTA's joint air quality conformity determination for SCAG's 2019-22 FTIP, including FTIP Amendment No. 19-01, and 2016-2040 RTP/SCS Amendment No. 3.

If you have questions pertaining to this conformity finding, contact Michael Morris (michael.morris@dot.gov) of the FHWA California Division's Cal-South Office at (213) 894-4014.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tashia J. Clemons". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

Tashia J. Clemons
Director, Planning and Environment
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