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SUBJECT: CONFORMITY RE-DETERMINATION for SCAG's 2012 RTP/SCS and 2015 FTIP through AMENDMENT NO. 15-13

Dear Mr. Ikhata:

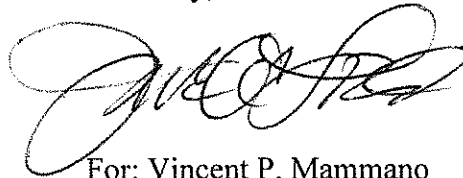
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of the conformity re-determination for the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2012 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) – *Towards a Sustainable Future*, and the 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) through Amendment No. 15-13. The conformity re-determination responds to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) final rule published in the Federal Register on January 15, 2015, which established initial air quality designations for most areas in the United States including California for the 2012 annual PM_{2.5} standard. In SCAG's region, the urbanized area of Imperial County and the South Coast Air Basin were designated as new PM_{2.5} nonattainment areas effective April 15, 2015.

A FTA/FHWA air quality conformity re-determination is required pursuant to the EPA's *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 Code of Regulations (CFR) Parts 51 and 93. SCAG's 2015 FTIP conformity re-determination was completed to ensure consistency with the 2012 RTP/SCS.

On February 4, 2016 SCAG adopted the conformity re-determination for the 2012 RTP/SCS and 2015 FTIP through Amendment No. 15-13. The PM_{2.5} emissions analysis submitted by SCAG indicates all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, we find SCAG's 2012 RTP/SCS and 2015 FTIP through Amendment No. 15-13 conform to the applicable state implementation plan in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. In accordance with the December 15, 2014 *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the FHWA California Division and FTA Region IX*, the FTA has concurred with this conformity re-determination. Furthermore, this conformity re-determination was made in consultation with the EPA's Region IX office.

In accordance with the MOU between the FHWA and FTA referenced above, the FHWA's single signature constitutes the FHWA and FTA's joint air quality conformity re-determination for SCAG's 2012 RTP/SCS and 2015 FTIP through Amendment No. 15-13. If you have any questions on this conformity finding please contact Michael Morris of the FHWA California Division's Cal-South Office at (213) 894-4014, or by email at michael.morris@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Mammano', written in a cursive style.

For: Vincent P. Mammano
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