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**SUBJECT: 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
and Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 2**

Dear Messrs. Anderson, Mammano, Tellis, and Tavares:

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), as the designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura, is pleased to submit the adopted the Fiscal Year 2022/23 – 2027/28 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (2023 FTIP).

Concurrent with the 2023 FTIP, SCAG staff also developed Amendment 2 to the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), known as “Connect SoCal 2020.” The Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 2 is a concurrent amendment to the

2023 FTIP. This amendment allows for changes to long-range RTP/SCS projects as well as state and local highway, transit, and passenger rail projects. These projects, currently in the 2021 FTIP, have been carried forward as part of the 2023 FTIP. Despite project modification and additions, Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 2 remains financially constrained as required by 23 U.S.C. § 134(i)(2)(E).

This submission includes the associated transportation conformity determination in accordance with the Federal Clean Air Act and the U.S. 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 Metropolitan Planning Rule, 23 CFR Part 450.

The Final 2023 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 2 meets all five required transportation conformity tests required by the U.S. Department of Transportation Metropolitan Planning Regulations and Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Transportation Conformity Regulations.

1. Consistency with SCAG's RTP, including Amendment #2 (2023 FTIP Only)
(23 CFR Section 450.324 of the U.S. DOT Metropolitan Planning Regulations)
2. Regional Emissions Analysis
(40 CFR Sections 93.109, 93.110, 93.118, and 93.119)
3. Timely Implementation of Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) Analysis
(40 CFR Section 93.113)
4. Financial Constraint Analysis
(40 CFR Section 93.108 and 23 CFR, Section 450.324)
5. Interagency Consultation and Public Involvement
(40 CFR Sections 93.105 and 93.112 and 23 CFR Section 450.324)

Pursuant to SCAG's adopted Public Participation Plan, the 2023 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 2 were prepared in consultation and cooperation with all federal, state, and local transportation and air agencies.

On October 6, 2022, the SCAG Regional Council adopted the 2023 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 2 via Resolution 22-647-2 and Resolution 22-647-1. The 2023 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 2 submitted to you at this time do not change any other policies, programs, or projects in Connect SoCal 2020. SCAG has completed the interagency consultation and public participation process for the 2023 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 2 and has determined that the documents are consistent with all federal and state requirements and comply with federal conformity regulations.

The 2023 FTIP is accessible at:

www.scag.ca.gov/2023-ftip

Volume I: Executive Summary
Volume II: Technical Appendix
Volume III: Project Listing Part A & Part B

The Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 2 is accessible at:

<https://scag.ca.gov/post/amendment-2-0>

We look forward to our agencies' continued partnership to improve the region's mobility and air quality. Should you have any questions on the 2023 FTIP, please contact Pablo Gutierrez, Program Manager II, at gutierre@scag.ca.gov. For questions on Connect SoCal Amendment 2, please contact Nancy Lo, Associate Regional Planner, at lo@scag.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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