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Dear Mr. Ikhata:

SUBJECT: Conformity Determination for SCAG's 2013 FTIP and Conformity Re-
Determination for SCAG's 2012-2035 RTP/SCS

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the conformity determination for the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG's) 2013 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and conformity re-determination for SCAG's 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/, Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). A FTA/FHWA air quality conformity determination is required pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the United States Department of Transportation's *Metropolitan Planning Rule*, 23 CFR Part 450.

On September 19, 2012, SCAG adopted the 2013 FTIP and corresponding conformity determination. The conformity analysis submitted by SCAG indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, we find that the 2013 FTIP and 2012 RTP/SCS conform to the applicable state implementation plan in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. In accordance with the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, the FTA has concurred with this conformity determination. Additionally, this conformity determination was made after consultation with the EPA, Region 9 office.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning this conformity determination, please contact Mr. Stew Sonnenberg (Stew.Sonnenberg@dot.gov) of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5889.

Sincerely,

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