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**SUBJECT: Conformity Determination for SCAG's Connect SoCal 2024 (2024-2050 Regional
Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy)**

Dear Mr. Ajise:

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) SCAG's Connect SoCal 2024 (2024-2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy). An FTA/FHWA air quality conformity determination is required for the new 2024 RTP/SCS pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 Code of 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 April 4, 2024, SCAG adopted Connect SoCal 2024 and the associated Consistency Amendment No. 23-26 to the 2023 FTIP via Resolution 24-664-2. The conformity analysis given by SCAG indicates all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, and after consultation with the EPA Region 9 office, we find that Connect SoCal 2024 conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. This conformity determination will remain in effect for four (4) years from the date of this letter and replaces the previous determination. In accordance with the December 15, 2014, *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, the FTA has agreed with this conformity determination, and a single signature constitutes FHWA and FTA's joint air quality conformity determination for SCAG's 2024 RTP/SCS. If you have 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,

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