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SUBJECT: 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1

Dear Ms. Konove and Messrs. Tellis, Tavares, and Anderson,

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 Federal Fiscal Year 2024/25 – 2029/30 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (2025 FTIP).

Concurrent with the 2025 FTIP, SCAG staff also developed Amendment 1 to the 2024-2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), known as the "Connect SoCal 2024." Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 is a concurrent amendment to the 2025 FTIP allowing for changes to long-range RTP/SCS projects in addition to changes to state and local highway, transit, and passenger rail projects, currently in the 2023 FTIP, that will be carried forward as part of the 2025 FTIP. Despite project modification and additions, Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 remains financially constrained as provided by federal fiscal constraint requirements (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 (U.S. EPA's) 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 2025 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 have met 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 the Adopted 2024 RTP/SCS (For 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) (40 CFR, Section 93.113)
- 4. Financial Constraint (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)

The 2025 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 were prepared in consultation and cooperation with all federal, state, and local transportation and air agencies and pursuant to SCAG's adopted Public Participation Plan.

On September 5, 2024, the SCAG Regional Council adopted the 2025 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 via Resolution 24-667-3 and Resolution 24-667-2. The 2025 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 submitted to you at this time do not change any other policies, programs, or projects in Connect SoCal 2024. SCAG has completed the interagency consultation and public participation process for the 2025 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 and has determined that the documents are consistent with all federal and state requirements and comply with federal conformity regulations.

The 2025 FTIP is accessible at: <u>2025 FTIP - Southern California Association of Governments</u> (www.scag.ca.gov/2025-ftip).

- Volume I: Executive Summary
- Volume II: Technical Appendix

Volume III: Project Listing Part A & Part B

The Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 is accessible at: <u>Connect SoCal - Southern California Association</u> of Governments (<u>www.scag.ca.gov/connect-socal</u>).

We look forward to our agencies' continued partnership to improve the region's mobility and air quality.

Should you have any questions on the 2025 FTIP, please contact Pablo Gutierrez, Planning Supervisor at <u>gutierre@scag.ca.gov</u>. For questions on Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1, please contact Nancy Lo, Associate Regional Planner, at <u>lo@scag.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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Attached:

SCAG Resolution No. 24-667-2 Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 SCAG Resolution No. 24-667-3 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program