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SUBJECT: SCAG 2019 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 19-25 APPROVAL

Dear Mr. de Terra:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of Amendment No. 19-25 to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) portion of the 2019 California Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) submitted by your letter dated August 13, 2020. As detailed in your letter, this amendment requests to add two new projects.

We have determined the project listings from this amendment are from SCAG's adopted *2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy*. Acceptance of this FSTIP modification relies on a previous regional emissions analysis and has been coordinated with Region 9 of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with procedures outlined in the *National Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Transportation (DOT) and EPA on Transportation Conformity*, dated April 25, 2000. SCAG's portion of the FSTIP, including its 2019 FTIP Amendment No. 19-25, conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

Pursuant to the February 14, 2018 *Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the FHWA – California Division and FTA – Region 9*, and based on our review of information submitted with the State's proposed 2018/19 – 2021/22 FSTIP, which includes revenues, proposed project funding information to demonstrate financial constraint, and statewide and metropolitan planning process documentation, we accept this FSTIP modification proposed for the SCAG region in accordance with 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 450 and 49 CFR Part 613 (see the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning published in the May 27, 2016 Federal Register). We have determined SCAG's amended portion of the FSTIP, to include its FTIP Amendment No. 19-25, is financially constrained as required by the Federal surface transportation programs authorizing legislation and statewide planning, metropolitan planning,

and programming regulations. SCAG's portion of the FSTIP was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as amended by Public Law 114-94 (the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act).

Our approval is being given with understanding that an eligibility determination of individual projects for funding must be met, and the applicant must ensure satisfaction of all administrative and statutory requirements. If you have questions or would like additional information about our FSTIP approval for this amendment, contact Michael Morris of the FHWA California Division's Cal-South Office at (213) 894-4014 or michael.morris@dot.gov; or Mervin Acebo of the FTA's Los Angeles Office at (213) 202-3957 or mervin.acebo@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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