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Attention: Federal Resources Office, M.S. 82
For Rachel Falsetti, Division of Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Iwasaki:

SUBJECT: SACOG 2008/09 – 2011/12 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 22

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 22 to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments' (SACOG) 2008/09 – 2011/12 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated March 8, 2010. The SACOG Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 5-2010 on January 21, 2010, approving this MTIP modification and reaffirming the conformity of the transportation improvement program with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. As detailed in the enclosure to your letter, this SACOG MTIP amendment requests to add two (2) new individual project listings, modify five (5) individually listed projects that were previously approved for inclusion in the 2008/09 – 2011/12 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), and modify one (1) grouped project listing previously approved for inclusion in SACOG's MTIP and California's FSTIP.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004 *Memorandum of Understanding between the FHWA – California Division and the FTA – Region IX*, we accept these FSTIP modifications for the SACOG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning that was published in the February 14, 2007 Federal Register. We find that the SACOG 2008/09 – 2011/12 MTIP, including Amendment No. 22, was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. § 134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53. We have determined that the added project listings and modifications to the previously listed projects in the SACOG MTIP are exempt from the regional emissions analysis requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Transportation Conformity Rule as amended. The

metropolitan transportation planning and regional air quality conformity finding have been coordinated with the regional offices of the FTA and U.S. EPA.

Based on our review of the MTIP financial constraint documentation submitted with the subject amendment, we have determined that the amended MTIP is financially constrained as required by the Federal surface transportation programs authorizing legislation and the statewide planning, metropolitan planning, and programming regulations.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our FSTIP approval for this SACOG MTIP amendment, please contact Michael Morris of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5887, or by email at michael.morris@dot.gov; or Jerome Wiggins of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 744-2819, or by email at jerome.wiggins@fta.dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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SACOG 2008/09 MTIP Binder

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