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Dear Mr. Ikhata:

California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff has reviewed the project submitted by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) on behalf of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) as a substitute transportation control measure (TCM). The project is the construction of State Routes 241/91 express connector ramps as a substitute for the State Route 241 extension project in Orange County.

The Clean Air Act (Act) transportation conformity provisions specify the procedures to substitute or add a TCM to an approved State Implementation Plan (SIP). The Act requires that the replacement TCM must achieve equal or greater emission reductions, be implemented on a schedule consistent with the measure being replaced, and be supported by adequate resources and authority to be implemented, monitored, and enforced. The TCM must be developed through a collaborative process involving all affected jurisdictions, CARB, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), and the public.

We have reviewed the analysis provided by SCAG and OCTA for the proposed substitute TCM project and concur that it meets the procedural and emission reduction requirements for substitution of a TCM in an approved SIP. Enclosed with this letter is a table summarizing CARB staff findings.

The transportation conformity provisions of the Act provide that our concurrence with SCAG's finding, together with the concurrence of the U.S. EPA Administrator, constitute adoption of the TCM. The Act further provides that once adopted, the substitute measure or measures become part of the SIP by operation of law. CARB will submit

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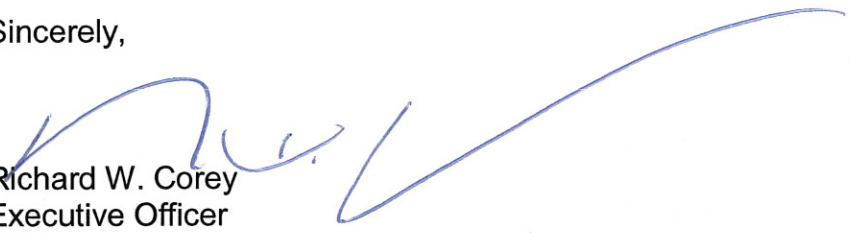
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the substitute TCM to U.S. EPA for incorporation in the codified applicable SIP within 90 days in accordance with the Act. U.S. EPA will then update the Code of Federal Regulations to reflect the changes to the SIP to clarify that the replacement TCMs are part of the federally enforceable SIP.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this decision, please contact Mr. Kurt Karperos, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 322-2739. Technical questions may be directed to Mr. Dennis Wade, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 327-2963.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure

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