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**SUBJECT:** Southern California Association of Governments Connect SoCal  
Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy,  
2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 19-  
12 and associated conformity determination.

Dear Messrs. de Terra and Ajise:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 19-12 to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Federal Transportation Improvement Program portion of the 2019 California Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), Connect SoCal 2020-2045 RTP/SCS and associated regional conformity determination which was submitted by your letter dated May 14, 2020, and May 19, 2020, respectfully. As detailed in your letters, this amendment requests to add 26 new projects, modify 69 projects and remove six previously approved projects.

We find that the SCAG's FTIP, as amended, was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the metropolitan planning provisions of 23 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.

SCAG's approved the Connect SoCal 2020-2045 RTP/SCS and 2019 FTIP, as amended, and the accompanying conformity analysis on May 7, 2020. The conformity analysis submitted indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met.

Pursuant to the February 14, 2018, Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the FHWA, California Division, and the FTA, Region 9, we accept the modifications to the 2019 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the SCAG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning published in the May 27, 2016 Federal Register. We find that the Connect SoCal 2020-2045 RTP/SCS and 2019 FTIP, as amended, conform to the applicable state implementation plan (SIP) in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93.

As agreed in the MOA, FHWA's single signature constitutes the FHWA and the FTA's joint approval and air quality conformity determination for SCAG's Connect SoCal 2020-2045 RTP/SCS and 2019 FTIP as amended. Additionally, this approval was made after consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 9 Office, pursuant to the Transportation Conformity Rule.

Our approval is given with the 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 regarding our approval of Amendment No. 12 to the SCAG's portion of the FSTIP, contact Michael Morris of the FHWA California Division's Cal-South Office at (213) 894-4014 or [michael.morris@dot.gov](mailto:michael.morris@dot.gov); or Mervin Acebo of the FTA's Los Angeles Office at (213) 202-3957 or [mervin.acebo@dot.gov](mailto:mervin.acebo@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Ray Tellis*

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