MEMO

Date: May 17, 2004

To: Transportation and Communications Committee

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RE: **Letter of Completion for North Los Angeles County Combined Highway Corridor Study (RSTIS)**

RECOMMENDATION: Consent Calendar Information Item.

SUMMARY: The Regionally Significant Transportation Investment Study (RSTIS) Peer Review Group heard final presentations on April 22, 2004 for the North Los Angeles County Combined Highway Corridor Study. RSTIS Peer Review Group Members agreed that the study presented was complete and met the regional (2004 RTP) and federal requirements as outlined in TEA-21, and could thus be provided a **Letter of Completion**.

The Letter of Completion documents the Peer Review Group's agreement regarding the successful completion of the RSTIS process. This item confirms that SCAG will provide, under signature of the Director of Planning and Policy Department, a Letter of Completion according to adopted SCAG guidelines for the RSTIS Process.

BACKGROUND: Once the provision of the Letter of Completion has been agreed upon, the RSTIS (formerly MIS) Process is complete and draft/final environmental analysis can be completed, if required for selected alternatives. If the locally preferred long-term strategy is different from the currently **adopted 2004 Regional Transportation Plan** (not applicable in this case) it can be presented to the Regional Council for consideration as an amendment to the adopted Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

All work related to approving the recommended staff action is contained within the adopted FY 2003-2004 budget and does not require the expenditure of any additional financial resources.

Note: The 4/22/04 RSTIS Meeting Minutes Summary is available upon request (Al Bowser, (213) 236-1843).

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