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SUBJECT: Conformity Determination Analysis for MTC's Plan Bay Area 2040 and the 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 2017-14

Dear Mr. De Terra:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the conformity determination for both the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Plan Bay Area 2040 and its 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment (FTIP) 2017-14. Joint FTA/FHWA air quality conformity determinations for the Plan Bay Area 2040 and FTIP are required by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the FHWA/FTA *Metropolitan Planning Rule*, 23 CFR 450.

The MTC adopted the Plan Bay Area 2040 and 2017 FTIP Amendment 2017-14 and made corresponding conformity determinations on July 26, 2017. The conformity analysis submitted to the FHWA/FTA by MTC indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, we find that the Plan Bay Area 2040 and 2017 FTIP through Amendment 2017-14 conform to the applicable state implementation plan in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. In accordance with the December 15, 2014, *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, the FTA has concurred with this conformity determination. Additionally, this approval was made after consultation with the EPA, Region 9 office, pursuant to the *Transportation Conformity Rule*.

Based upon our review, we find the FTIP financial constraint documentation submitted with this amendment is financially constrained as required by the Federal surface transportation programs authorizing legislation and statewide and metropolitan planning and programming regulations. Accordingly, FHWA and FTA approve this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450. This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of MTC's 2017 FTIP Amendment No. 2017-14 into California's 2017 FSTIP.

In accordance with the above MOU, the FHWA's single signature constitutes FHWA and FTA's joint air quality conformity determination for the MTC's Plan Bay Area 2040 and 2017 FTIP through Amendment 2017-14.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please contact Cecilia C. Godfrey at (916) 498-5033 or Dominique Paukowits at (415) 734-9469.

Sincerely,

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