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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry

Dear Mr. de Terra and Ms. McMillan:

SUBJECT: Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment No.2 and the 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 35 and associated conformity determination.

The Federal Highway Administration, (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of MTC's RTP Amendment No. 2 and FTIP Amendment No. 35 and associated conformity determination, which was submitted by the California Department of Transportation's Transportation Programming Office on June 2, 2020.

We find that the MTC'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.

MTC approved the 2040 RTP and 2019 FTIP amendment, and the accompanying conformity analysis, on May 27, 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 FY 2019 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the MTC 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 2040 RTP 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 MTC's 2040 RTP 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.

This approval is provided with the understanding that the FTA funding approval on the individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements, and that approval of this programming action does not provide a federal eligibility determination for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) projects or any other project funding source included in this amendment.

If you have any questions pertaining to this approval, please contact Antonio Johnson of the FHWA California Division at (916) 498-5889, or by email at antonio.johnson@dot.gov; or Dominique Kraft of the FTA's Region 9 Office at (415) 734-9469 or by email at dominique.kraft@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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