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SUBJECT: Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Amendment #37

Dear Mr. de Terra:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed the review of Amendment #37 to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated August 2, 2018. MTC adopted Amendment #37, and made corresponding conformity determinations, on July 25, 2018. This amendment to MTC's FTIP revises 23 projects with a net increase in funding of approximately \$134 million.

Pursuant to the February 14, 2018, *Memorandum of Agreement between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we accept the modifications to the 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) 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 MTC's FTIP, through Amendment #37, 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 Act (FAST). We also find that investments described in MTC's 2017 TIP, as revised with Amendment #37, make progress toward achieving the performance targets set by the region in accordance with the applicable provisions and requirements of 23 CFR Part 450.

We have determined the project listings from this amendment rely on a previous regional emissions analysis. Amendment acceptance and the air quality conformity determination have been coordinated with Region IX of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the

procedures outlined in the *National Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Transportation (DOT) and EPA on Transportation Conformity*, dated April 25, 2000. MTC's 2017 FTIP, including Amendment #37, conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval for this MTC FTIP amendment, please contact Ken Born (kenneth.born@dot.gov) of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5012 or Dominique Kraft (dominique.kraft@dot.gov) of the FTA Region 9 office at (415) 734-9469.

Sincerely,

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