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Dear Mr. Tuttle:

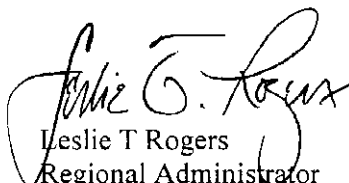
SUBJECT: Conformity Determination for SACOG's Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2025

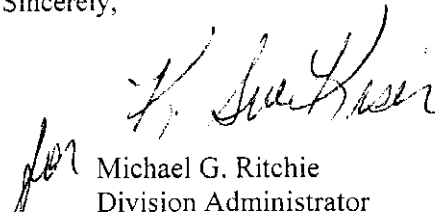
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the conformity determination for Sacramento Area Council of Governments' (SACOG) *Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2025* (MTP). A joint FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination for the MTP is required by 40 CFR 93.104 of the Transportation Conformity Rule and 23 CFR 450.322 of the FHWA/FTA Statewide and Metropolitan Planning Rule.

SACOG's Resolution No. 39-2002 adopted the MTP and found the MTP to conform to the applicable state implementation plans (SIPs). SACOG submitted the MTP and the related air quality conformity analysis to FHWA and FTA on July 18, 2002. The MTP and conformity analysis provided by SACOG indicate that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, FHWA/FTA find that the MTP conforms to the applicable SIPs, and we accept this air quality determination in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR 51 and 93, the January 2, 2002, United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) guidance, *Additional Supplemental Guidance for the Implementation of the Circuit Court Decision Affecting Transportation Conformity*, and the May 14, 1999, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidance, *Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999, Conformity Court Decision*. This finding was made after consultation with the EPA pursuant to 40 CFR 51 and 93.

This letter constitutes the joint FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination for the SACOG MTP pursuant to 40 CFR 93.104(b)(1). FHWA/FTA will make a conformity determination on the *FY 2003/2005 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program* as part of the overall approval process for California's *FY 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP)*. If you have any questions pertaining to this conformity determination, please contact Ms. K. Sue Kiser at 916-498-5009 or Mr. Jerome Wiggins 415-744-2819.

Sincerely,


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