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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry

Dear Mr. De Terra and Mr. Boren:

SUBJECT: Fresno Council of Governments' (Fresno COG) 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment No.2 and the 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 6 and associated conformity determination.

The Federal Highway Administration, (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of Fresno COG's RTP Amendment No. 2 and FTIP Amendment No. 6 and associated conformity determination, which was submitted by the California Department of Transportation's Transportation Programming Office on September 12, 2019.

We find that the Fresno COG'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.

Fresno COG approved the 2018 RTP and 2019 FTIP, as amended, and the accompanying conformity analysis on September 9, 2019. 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 Fresno COG 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 2018 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 Fresno COG's 2018 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 questions or need additional information concerning our approval, please contact Scott Carson of the FHWA California Division Office at (916) 498-5029/by email at scott.carson@dot.gov or, Joseph Vaughn at (916) 498-5346/by email at Joseph.Vaughn@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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