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ATTN: Vaik Renga, PE, SE

Subject: Consistency Amendment #23-26 To The 2024 Connect SoCal –
Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2024
RTP/SCS)

Dear Mr. Le:

Under authority granted to me by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council, I hereby approve and transmit consistency amendment #23-26 to the 2023 FTIP to be consistent with Connect SoCal 2024 – 2024-2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2024 RTP/SCS) approved by SCAG's Regional Council on April 4, 2024, and pending federal approval.

Consistency amendment #23-26 includes projects for Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties. Included in this consistency amendment package is a narrative describing the projects being amended, a project listing report, and the financial plan. No public comments were received for the consistency amendment during the public comment review period (November 12, 2023 to January 12, 2024).

During the public review and comment period, SCAG held 15 elected official briefings and three public hearings. In total, SCAG received comment letters or submissions from 53 agencies/organizations and 28 individuals (including verbal comments at public hearings). These submissions included over 1,800 distinct comments. A direct response to each comment is included in the proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 Public Participation & Consultation Technical Report. For more details on SCAG's outreach and engagement during the public review and comment period, see February 1, 2024 staff report "Connect SoCal

2024: Draft Plan Release Activities:”

<https://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&ID=2475&Inline=True#page=26>

This amendment:

- Is consistent with the Connect SoCal 2024 – 2024-2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2024 RTP/SCS)
- Does not affect the regional emissions analysis of the FTIP
- Does not affect the timely implementation of the Transportation Control Measures
- Does not adversely impact financial constraint.

Furthermore, SCAG, through its function as the designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO), has found the attached projects to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan.

SCAG has also completed the interagency consultation and the public participation process for this amendment on March 15, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Pablo Gutierrez of my staff at (213) 236-1929 or via e-mail at gutierre@scag.ca.gov

Sincerely,



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