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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT #23-03 TO THE 2023 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP)

ATTN: Peter Kang

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 #23-03 of the 2023 FTIP to be consistent with the 2020 Connect SoCal – Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2020 RTP/SCS) Amendment #3 approved by SCAG's Regional Council on June 1, 2023 and pending federal approval. Consistency Amendment #23-03 includes projects in Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties. Included in this amendment package is a narrative describing the projects being amended, a project listing report, a financial plan, a conformity analysis, and comments received during the 2020 Connect SoCal – Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2020 RTP/SCS) Amendment #3 and Consistency Amendment #23-03 during the initial comment review period of January 6, 2023 to February 5, 2023. In addition, SCAG held one telephonic/videoconference public hearing on January 17, 2023.

After review of feedback, SCAG staff concluded that the revisions would be minor and technical in nature, and did not alter the draft amendment findings or conclusions, including the associated transportation conformity analysis and determination. Therefore, the revisions only serve to clarify, amplify, or make minor modifications, which do not require recirculation of the draft amendments.

As a precautionary measure, the RTP Amendment #3 and Consistency Amendment #23-03 were released for another 15-day public review (April 26 through May 11, 2023). The 15-day public review period also provides an opportunity for CTCs to program STBG/CMAQ funds to projects in the 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03.

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In addition, SCAG has completed the interagency consultation and public participation process for this amendment most recently on May 11, 2023.

This amendment:

- Is consistent with the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2020-2045 RTP/SCS);
- Does not affect the regional emissions analysis of the FTIP;
- Does not affect the timely implementation of the Transportation Control Measures; and
- 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.

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,

Annie Nam

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