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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry, Chief
Office of Federal Transportation Management Program

SUBJECT: Conformity Determination for MTC's Plan Bay Area and the MTC FY 2015 –
2018 FTIP/FSTIP Amendment No. 18

Dear Mr. Aljabiry:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) FY 2015 – 2018 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 2015-18 submitted by your letter dated October 13, 2015. MTC adopted Amendment No. 2015-18 with Resolution No. 4175, as revised, on September 23, 2015. This amendment proposes to modify the source and/or amount of funding for one non-exempt project with a net increase in funding of approximately \$74 million.

The conformity analysis submitted to the FHWA/FTA by MTC indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. In accordance with the July 15, 2004, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX, the FTA has concurred with this conformity determination. Additionally this finding has been coordinated with Region 9 of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the *National Memorandum of Understanding between DOT and EPA on Transportation Conformity*, dated April 25, 2000. Therefore, we find that MTC's FY 2015 – 2018 FTIP through Amendment No. 2015-17 continues to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93.

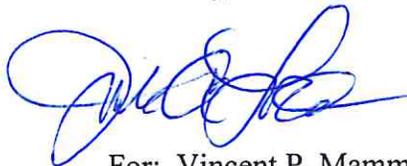
Per the December 15, 2014 *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we accept the revisions to the FY 2015 – 2018 FSTIP for the MTC region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning published in the February 14, 2007 Federal Register. We find that the MTC FY 2015 – 2018 FTIP, including Amendment No. 2015-18, was developed through a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation

planning process in accordance with 23 U.S.C. §134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53. The FTA Region IX office has concurred with the approval of this amendment.

Based upon our review, we find the FTIP is financially constrained as required by the Federal surface transportation programs authorizing legislation and statewide and metropolitan planning and programming regulations. In accordance with the above MOU with FTA, the FHWA's single signature constitutes FHWA and FTA's joint air quality conformity determination for the MTC's Plan Bay Area and the 2015 – 2018 FTIP. Accordingly, FHWA and FTA approve this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450. This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of MTC's 2015 FTIP Amendment No. 2015-18 into California's 2015 FSTIP.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please call Stew Sonnenberg at (916) 498-5889 or Ted Matley at (415) 744-2590.

Sincerely,



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/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

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