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In Reply Refer To:
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SUBJECT: Conformity Determination for Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) 2014
Regional Transportation Plan

Dear Mr. Yamzon:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the conformity determination for the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) 2014 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). A FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination is required for the new RTP pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the United States Department of Transportation's *Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Planning*, 23 CFR Part 450.

On June 18, 2014, StanCOG adopted the 2014 RTP and made the corresponding conformity determination via Resolution 13-46. The conformity analysis submitted indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, and after consultation with the EPA Region 9 office, we find that the 2014 RTP conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. This conformity determination will remain in effect for four (4) years from the date of this letter and replaces the previous determination made on December 14, 2010. 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.

In accordance with the above MOU, the FHWA's single signature constitutes FHWA and FTA's joint air quality conformity determination for the StanCOG 2014 RTP. If you have any questions pertaining to this conformity finding, please contact Jack Lord, FHWA, at (916) 498-5888, or by email at jack.lord@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

For: Vincent P. Mammano
Division Administrator