

Appendix H FHWA Conformity Determination

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Attention: Olufemi Odufalu, Office Chief, Environmental Engineering

SUBJECT: Project-Level Conformity Determination for the I-215/ Barton Road Interchange Improvement Project

Dear Mr. Muallem:

On January 23, 2014, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) a request for the project-level conformity determination for the I-215/ Barton Road Interchange Improvement Project in San Bernardino County, pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327(a)(2)(B)(ii)(1). The project is in an area that is designated nonattainment for ozone, nonattainment for fine particle particular matter (PM_{2.5}), maintenance for coarse particulate matter (PM₁₀), and maintenance for carbon monoxide (CO).

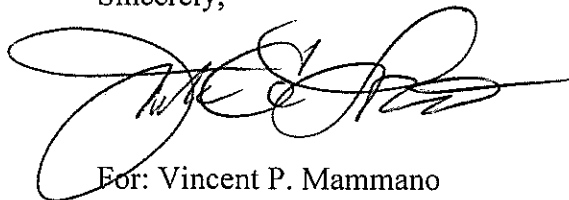
The project-level conformity analysis submitted by Caltrans indicates that the project-level transportation conformity requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 93 have been met. The project is included in the Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) currently conforming *2012 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)*, and the *2013 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)*. The latest conformity determination for the 2012 RTP and the 2013 FTIP was approved by FHWA and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on December 14, 2012. The design concept and scope of the preferred alternative have not changed significantly from those assumed in the regional emissions analysis.

As required by 40 C.F.R. 93.116 and 93.123, the localized CO and PM analyses are included in the documentation. The CO hotspot analysis was performed with the Caltrans' *Transportation Project-Level Carbon Monoxide Protocol*. The analyses demonstrate that the project will not create any new violation of the standards or increase the severity or number of existing violations.

Based on the information provided, FHWA finds that the I-215/ Barton Road Interchange Improvement Project in San Bernardino County conforms to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) in accordance with 40 C.F.R. Part 93.

If you have any questions pertaining to this conformity finding, please contact Stew Sonnenberg, FHWA Air Quality Specialist, at (916) 498-5889 or by email at stew.sonnenberg@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Mammano', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

For: Vincent P. Mammano
Division Administrator