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RE: Appointee for the Plans and Programs Technical Advisory Committee (P&P TAC) for the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Dear Ms. Esser:

As you may be aware, in a letter dated June 5, 2008, the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration made a joint air quality conformity determination on the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). This finding represented the culmination of years of work by countless stakeholders throughout the SCAG Region.

As we move forward with the development of the 2012 RTP, it will be critical for our region to continue working together to develop a Plan that is based on a strong technical foundation. To this end, SCAG is reconstituting the Plans and Programs Technical Advisory Committee (P&P TAC). The primary function of the P&P TAC is to advise SCAG staff on technical issues related to the development of the 2012 RTP. This work will include ensuring the technical integrity of the 2012 RTP, including, but not limited to its assumptions, methodologies, and data used in developing the growth forecast, other underlying planning assumptions, and proposed strategies, including those associated with the requirements of SB 375. The P&P TAC would also review and provide technical input to the performance analysis of Plan alternative strategies that would meet federal and state requirements.

I would like to invite you to appoint one member of your technical staff to serve on the proposed P&P TAC. You are also welcome to appoint one alternate who would serve in the absence of the regular member. Meetings are expected to be held periodically at SCAG's downtown Los Angeles office, with each meeting lasting for approximately two hours.

For your convenience, you may e-mail the name, title, e-mail address, and phone number of your appointee(s) to Ryan Kuo at kuo@scag.ca.gov **no later than Monday, November 24, 2008.** Please do not hesitate to contact him at 213-236-1813 if you have any questions.

I look forward to working with the reconstituted P&P TAC as we work together to further enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors in Southern California.

Sincerely,

RICH MACIAS
Director of Regional and Comprehensive Planning