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**Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for the
Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The DSEIS provides additional detail on tunneling methods not selected along Flower Street, specifically Open Face Shield and SEM tunneling.

Table 3-1 through 3-5 in Appendix C show that the Lead Agency relied upon a five-acre Localized Significance Threshold (LST) analysis site whereas section 4.2.2.1.1 Construction Impacts of the DSEIS states that a one-acre site was used in the analysis. SCAQMD staff recommends updating the LST and Air Quality analyses to reflect the correct site size.

Furthermore, Tables 2-4 and 2-5 in Appendix C calculate a maximum daily emission rate for only one phase of the project whereas the project description shows that the maximum daily emissions would occur when Phase 1 (EPBM Flower WB – 2015) overlaps with Phase 3 (Grouting on Flower – 2015). SCAQMD staff recommends updating the analysis to reconcile the differences contained within the DSEIS. In particular, Tables 3-4 and 3-5 in Appendix C should be updated to reflect with the maximum daily emissions of the overlapping phases. SCAQMD staff recommends updating LST analysis and Air Quality Analysis.

The SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address these concerns and any other air quality questions that may arise. Please contact Jack Cheng, Air Quality Specialist at (909) 396-2448, if you have any questions regarding these comments. When complete, please transmit a copy of the Final EIS along with responses to these comments. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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