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Subject: 2015 Financial Plan Annual Update for Marin-Sonoma Narrows HOV Project

Dear Mr. Sartipi:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) California Division, in conjunction with the FHWA Headquarters Project Delivery Team, has reviewed the proposed 2015 Financial Plan Annual Update (2015 FPAU) for the Route 101 Marin-Sonoma Narrows (MSN) Project in Marin and Sonoma Counties. Based upon our review, your Financial Plan for the project appears adequate to meet anticipated construction costs. Your updated plan is therefore approved.

23 U.S.C. § 106(h), as amended by § 1503(a) of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (Pub. L. 112-141), requires an updated Financial Plan must be submitted to the FHWA California Division annually for review and approval for projects with an estimated total cost of $500 million or more. The 2016 annual update to the Financial Plan (2016 FPAU) for this project is to be "as of June 30, 2016", and is due to FHWA by September 30, 2016. The submission of updated Financial Plans should continue until all construction has been completed on the project.

We request that a draft 2016 FPAU submittal be submitted for initial FHWA CA Division review no later than 30 days prior to the due date in order to minimize potential delay for approval of the later certified submittal. The draft document should include federal obligations and expenditures as reflected in FHWA Fiscal Management Information System (FMIS) "as of June 30, 2016". Any difference between FMIS and the State accounting system should be documented and explained. Please contact our office for the current FMIS report before submitting the draft 2016 FPAU.

The California Division will continue to work with your staff to streamline the update and approval process for these annual Financial Plan submittals while maintaining the integrity of the information provided. We will also continue to conduct oversight activities, both construction and financial, as required by law and our Project Oversight Agreement.

We look forward to working with you and your staff. If this office can provide any additional information or assistance, please contact Lanh Phan at (916) 498-5046 or at lanh.phan@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

For: Vincent P. Mammano
Division Administrator