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Dear Mr. Dougherty:

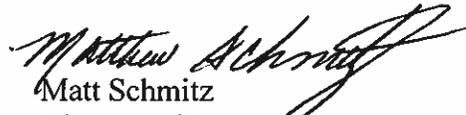
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) California Division, in conjunction with the FHWA Headquarters Project Delivery Team, has reviewed the proposed Initial Finance Plan (IFP) for the U.S. 101 Marin-Sonoma Narrow (MSN) project in Marin and Sonoma counties. Based upon our review, your IFP for the project appears adequate to meet anticipated construction costs. Your IFP is therefore approved.

As a reminder, Section 1904(a)(3) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) requires an updated finance 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 schedule for the first annual update to the Financial Plan will be as of June 30, 2012, and submit to FHWA by September 30, 2012. A draft should be submitted for initial FHWA CA Division review no later than 30 days prior to that date in order to minimize potential delay for approval of the updated finance plan. The submission of updated finance plans should continue until all construction has been completed on the project.

The California Division will continue to work with your staff to streamline the update and approval process for these annual finance 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 signed on August 26, 2008.

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 email at lanh.phan@dot.gov.

Sincerely,


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