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SUBJECT: Butte County Association of Governments' (BCAG) 2012 MTP Conformity Determination

Dear Mr. Clark:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the conformity determination for the Butte County Association of Governments' (BCAG) 2012 MTP. A FTA/FHWA air quality conformity determination is required pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the United States Department of Transportation's *Metropolitan Planning Rule*, 23 CFR Part 450.

On December 14, 2012, BCAG adopted the 2012 MTP RTP and made the corresponding conformity determination. The conformity analysis submitted by BCAG indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, we find that the 2012 MTP and conformity determination conform to the applicable state implementation plan in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. In accordance with the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, the FTA has concurred with this conformity determination. Additionally, this conformity determination was made after consultation with the EPA, Region 9 office.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning this approval, please contact Joseph Vaughn (Joseph.Vaughn@dot.gov) of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5346.

Sincerely,

For: Vincent P. Mammano
Division Administrator
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