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Dear Mr. Singlaub and Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: TMPO's 2008 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approved the State of California 2008/09 - 2011/12 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) excluding the Lake Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Area on November 17, 2008. TMPO's 2008 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) was included in the FSTIP as an interim FTIP until an FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination could be made.

A FTA/FHWA air quality conformity determination is required for the 2008 FTIP 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 17, 2008, TMPO adopted the conformity determination for the 2008 FTIP via Resolution 2008-30. TMPO submitted the air quality conformity analysis and requested a FHWA/FTA conformity determination for the 2008 FTIP via letter dated December 29, 2008.

The FHWA/FTA have completed our review of the conformity determination for the TMPO 2008 FTIP and conformity redetermination for the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), *Mobility 2030*. The conformity analysis submitted by TMPO indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, we find that the 2008 RTP and

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2008 FTIP 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.

In accordance with the above MOU, the FHWA's single signature constitutes FHWA and FTA's joint air quality conformity determination for TMPO's 2008 FTIP and conformity redetermination for TMPO's 2008 RTP.

If you have any questions pertaining to this conformity finding, please contact Aimee Kratovil, FHWA, at (916) 498-5866.

Sincerely,

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