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Ms. Sunne Wright McPeak, Secretary
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Dear Ms. McPeak:

SUBJECT: Approval of California's Strategic Highway Safety Plan Process

Enclosed is a letter dated October 4, 2006 from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approving the process the State of California followed to develop California's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). The development of the SHSP could not have been accomplished without the commitment and cross-pollination of the different staffs and leadership from the Department of Transportation (Director Will Kempton), the California Highway Patrol (Commissioner Mike Brown), the Office of Traffic Safety (Director Chris Murphy), the Department of Motor Vehicles (Director George Valverde) and the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (Director Jerry Jolly). The effort and time commitment was above and beyond their normal call of duty. We would like to extend our appreciation for your leadership of these Departments and commitment to the safety program.

FHWA believes the development and, more importantly, implementation of the SHSP is the beginning of a process that will reverse the rising fatality trend in California. A continued emphasis on safety resources will help us obtain the State's goal of reducing fatalities and serious injuries on all roadways.

Again, we thank you for your support and the support of the Departments that work for you on the SHSP development and look forward to working with them and other safety stakeholders on the SHSP implementation. Should you have any questions related to the SHSP process, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 498-5014.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Gene K. Fong

Gene K. Fong
Division Administrator

Enclosure

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