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Mr. Randell Iwasaki, Director
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Attention: Federal Resources Office, M.S. 82
For Rachel Falsetti, Division of Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Iwasaki:

SUBJECT: AMBAG 2008/09 MTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 15

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 15 to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) portion of the 2008/09 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated October 19, 2009. The AMBAG Board of Directors endorsed this amendment to the Monterey Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) on October 14, 2009, by approving Resolution No. 2009-18. This amendment to AMBAG's 2008/09 MTIP modifies a grouped lump sum bicycle and pedestrian facilities project, in California's 2008/09 FSTIP.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004 Memorandum of Understanding between the FHWA – California Division and FTA Region IX, we accept this modification to the 2008/09 – 2011/12 FSTIP for the AMBAG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning that was published in the February 14, 2007 Federal Register. We find that AMBAG's 2008/09 MTIP, through Amendment No. 15, was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the metropolitan planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. § 134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as amended by Section 6001 of Public Law 109-59 the *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users* (SAFETEA-LU).

The change proposed to the FSTIP by this amendment is for a project listed in an area within the State of California that is designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal air quality standards; and, as a consequence, is not subject to the requirement that an air quality conformity determination be made.



If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval of this FSTIP amendment, please contact Michael Morris of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5887, or by email at michael.morris@dot.gov; or Lorraine Lerman in the FTA Region IX office at (415) 744-2735, or by email at lorraine.lerman@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ K. Sue Kiser

For
Walter C. Waidelich, Jr.
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Waidelich, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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