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Attention: Sue Kiser

Attention: Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is transmitting the following amendment to the California 2008/09 – 2011/12 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for your approval. This amendment modifies and adds projects in the rural, non-Metropolitan Planning Organization (non-MPO) portion of the state.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
7	State Elements

- This amendment programs the grouped project listing for Highway Maintenance (HM) projects on the state highway system in rural, non-MPO areas of the state. These projects will be funded with \$17,484,230 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds in Fiscal Year 2008/09.

See Enclosure

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration approve this Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 7 for inclusion into California's FSTIP.

Based upon correspondence from FHWA dated May 27, 2008, projects in non-metropolitan isolated non-attainment areas of the State do not need to meet project conformity to be included in the FSTIP. However, such projects must comply with project level conformity requirements when a federal action such as a National Environmental Protection Agency decision or obligation of funds, is taken on the project.

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The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. An updated financial summary table is provided for this amendment.

Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years beyond the four-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only. These projects are included and submitted by the California Department of Transportation through the California Transportation Improvement Program System.

Please note that the approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination for the projects that are federally funded.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Penny Gray, of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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