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Metropolitan Planning Organizations
Regional Transportation Planning Agencies

Dear Executive Directors:

This letter is intended for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) that receive Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program funds. The purpose of this letter is to remind you that the provisions under the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (Energy Act), Public Law 110-140, which permitted the increase of the federal share of CMAQ funded projects up to 100 percent, are only applicable to funds obligated during Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2008 through FFY 2012.

Because FFY 2012, ended on September 30, 2012, the Energy Act can no longer be used to increase the federal share of CMAQ funded projects but Toll Credits continue to be available for those projects that do not qualify for 100 percent federal reimbursement under 23 USC 120(c).

Please review your Federal Transportation Improvement Programs (FTIPs) to ensure that CMAQ funded projects are programmed accordingly. The Department of Transportation, Division of Local Assistance, will not process requests for authorization for any federal aid projects that refers to the provision of the Energy Act to increase federal shares.

If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 654-2983.

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