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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
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Attention: Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: FY 2004/05 FSTIP Amendment No. 21 – Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) 2004/05 – 2006/07 FTIP

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of Amendment No. 21 to the SACOG's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated October 12, 2005. SACOG adopted this amendment with Resolution No. 40-2005 on September 15, 2005, approving these program modifications and affirming that no new emissions modeling was required for this amendment.

This amendment was requested by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to add, delete or modify projects from various funding programs in various counties. The amendment includes projects in El Dorado, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties with funding from the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP), National Highway System (NHS) program, Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR) program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, Hazard Elimination Safety (HES) program, Federal Discretionary program, and the FTA 5307 program.

We accept this amendment in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 450. We find that this amendment was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. section 134, and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. §1607). Based on our review, we find that changes made to the SACOG FTIP by this amendment are for project types found within Table 2 & 3 – Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR 93.126 and 93.127, and are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed.

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This finding has been coordinated with the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency and is provided in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between the FHWA, California Division, and the FTA, Region IX dated July 15, 2004, on Roles and Responsibilities for Multi-mode Amendments. This approval is provided with the understanding that approval of this programming action does not provide a federal eligibility determination for CMAQ funded projects included in this amendment.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of the SACOG's FTIP Amendment No. 21 into California's 2004/05 – 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Mr. Leigh Levine of the FHWA, California Division office at (916) 498-5034, or Mr. Jerome Wiggins of the FTA, Region IX office at (415) 744-2819.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

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