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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
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Attention: Federal Resources Office, Room 3500
For Rachel Falsetti, Division of Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: AMBAG 2006 MTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 18

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 18 to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) portion of the 2006/07-2009/10 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated August 27, 2008. The AMBAG Board of Directors endorsed this amendment to the Monterey Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) on August 13, 2008, by approving Resolution No. 2008-08. Based on our review of information provided for with this FSTIP amendment request, Amendment No. 18 to AMBAG's 2006/07 MTIP proposes to add five new individually listed projects to the AMBAG MTIP and California's FSTIP, modify the funding currently listed in the MTIP and FSTIP for the Prunedale Improvement Project, and deletes the current MTIP/FSTIP listings for improvements to the Harvey Backer House and the renovation of the Salinas Freight Building.

Pursuant to the *July 15, 2004, Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we accept these modifications to the 2006/07 – 2009/10 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 2006/07 MTIP, through Amendment No. 18, 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).

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The changes proposed to the FSTIP by this amendment are associated with transportation projects proposed for implementation in an area of the State of California that is designated as attainment for Federal air quality standards and, as a consequence, this program amendment 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 Wade Hobbs of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by email at wade.hobbs@fhwa.dot.gov; or Lorraine Lerman in the FTA, Region IX office at (415) 744-2735, or by email at Lorraine.Lerman@fta.dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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/s/ Steve Luxenberg

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