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Attention: Federal Resources Office, M.S. 82
For Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: MTC 2007 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO.07-06

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of Amendment No. 07-06 to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) 2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated May 29, 2007.

MTC adopted Amendment No. 07-06 with Resolution No. 3755, Revised on May 23, 2007. With this action, the MTC Commission approved the program modifications and made a corresponding conformity finding for the FTIP. As noted in MTC's transmittal of the amendment to Caltrans, the MTC 2007 TIP Amendment No. 07-06 established the TIP as a four year document. The amendment also added CMIA funding, STIP augmentation funds, Federal earmark funds as well as local funds. The lump sum listings were also updated.

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 the modifications to the 2006/07 – 2009/10 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the MTC 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 the MTC's 2007 TIP, through Amendment No. 07-06, 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). In a

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separate letter to MTC, also dated June 14, 2007, the FHWA and the FTA made a joint air quality conformity determination for the amended MTC 2007 TIP and the regional transportation plan, *Transportation 2030* as amended .

The addition of this fourth year of programming revises MTC's 2006/07 – 2008/09 FTIP into the 2006/07 – 2009/10 TIP. This approval does not constitute a compliance finding with the remainder of the SAFETEA-LU provisions, but constitutes approval and inclusion of the MTC FTIP Amendment No. 07-06 into California's 2006/07 – 2009/10 FSTIP. Based upon FHWA's understanding that a gap closure analysis has been completed, MTC will be able to continue to amend the 2007 TIP beyond the SAFETEA-LU implementation deadline of July 1, 2007.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval of this MTC TIP/FSTIP amendment, please contact Jean Mazur in the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5732 or by email at jean.mazur@fhwa.dot.gov.

Sincerely,



/s/ **Leslie T. Rogers**

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