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Attention: Federal Resources Office, MS #82
For Rachel Falsetti, Division of Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: 2006/07 FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 16, NON-METROPOLITAN AREA

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 16 to the non-metropolitan planning organization (non-MPO) portion of the 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated November 29, 2007. As detailed in your letter, this amendment proposes to add a new listing in the FSTIP for the Tuolumne, Amador, and Calaveras counties Foothills Commuter Services project.

Based on our review, we accept this amendment to the 2006/07 FSTIP in accord with the Final Rule on statewide and metropolitan transportation planning that was published in the Federal Register on Wednesday, February 14, 2007. We find that the non-MPO portion of California's 2006 FSTIP, including Amendment No. 16, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the statewide planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. 135 and 49 U.S.C. 5304, as amended by Public Law 105-178, the *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users* (SAFETEA-LU). The change proposed to the FSTIP by this amendment are associated with projects that are exempt from the requirement to determine conformity pursuant to 40 CFR §93.126 or §93.127. We are approving this amendment to the 2006 FSTIP for the non-MPO region in accord with the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the FHWA, California Division and the FTA, Region IX*.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Steve Luxenberg*

For
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