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

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: 2006/07 FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 9, NON-METROPOLITAN AREA

We have completed our review of Amendment Number 9 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 May 14, 2007. As detailed in your letter, this amendment adds a new grouped project listing for the Mandates category of the State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP). This amendment also adds new project listings to the 2006/07 FSTIP for: the Ebbetts Pass Corridor Management Plan, the Lake Siskiyou Trail project, Fort Bragg Coastal Trail project, and a capital improvement project for Lake County Transit Authority funded with Federal Transit Administration section 5317 program funds. This amendment also modifies the FSTIP grouped project listings for the following program categories of the SHOPP: Bridge Preservation, Collision Reduction, Roadside Preservation, Roadway Preservation, and Emergency Response. Finally, this amendment modifies the current FSTIP listing for: the Sierra Valley Visitor Center project, the Loganville Scenic Byway Visitor Center project, the Eastern Sierra Scenic Byway Tourist Center project, and the Angels Camp bypass project.

We accept this amendment in accordance with the Final Rule on statewide and metropolitan 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. 9, 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 changes proposed to the FSTIP by this amendment are associated with projects that are exempt from the requirement to determine

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conformity pursuant to 40 CFR §93.126 or §93.127, or are proposed for implementation in areas of the state of California that are designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal air quality standards and, as a consequence, is not subject to the requirement that air quality conformity determination be made. 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*.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval of this FSTIP amendment for the non-MPO area of California, please contact Wade Hobbs of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by email at wade.hobbs@fhwa.dot.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

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2006/07 FSTIP Binder (non-MPO)

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