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

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: FY 2007 FTIP Amendment No. 5 – Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed the review of Amendment No. 5 to the SACOG 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated June 5, 2007. SACOG adopted Amendment No. 5 with Resolution No. 12-2007 on March 15, 2007. With that action, the SACOG Board of Directors approved the program modifications and made the determination that SACOG's 2007 FTIP remains in conformity with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

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 – 2008/09 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the SACOG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning published in the February 14, 2007 Federal Register. We find that the SACOG's 2007 FTIP, through Amendment No. 5, 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).

The primary purpose of SACOG's FTIP Amendment No. 5 is to add a fourth year of programming to all projects in the current FTIP. This addition revises SACOG's 2006/07 – 2008/09 FTIP into the 2006/07 – 2009/10 FTIP. This approval does not constitute a compliance finding with the remainder of the SAFETEA-LU provisions, but constitutes approval and inclusion of the SACOG's FTIP Amendment No. 5 into California's 2006/07 – 2009/10 FSTIP. Based upon FHWA's understanding that a gap closure analysis has been completed, SACOG

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will be able to continue to amend the 2006/07 – 2009/10 FTIP beyond the SAFETEA-LU implementation deadline of July 1, 2007. Project ELD19221 – Bass Lake Road Realignment – has been excluded from this approval action as it was not included in the conformity analysis relied upon for this amendment.

We have determined that this program modification does not require a new regional emissions analysis because the projects were found to conform as a part of a previous analysis, pursuant to the transportation conformity provisions found in 40 CFR Part 93 section 122(g). This finding has been coordinated with Region 9 of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the *National Memorandum of Understanding between DOT and EPA on Transportation Conformity*, dated April 25, 2000. Therefore, we find that SACOG's 2007 FSTIP through Amendment No. 5 continues to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This approval is provided with the understanding that the FTA funding approval on the individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval for this SACOG FSTIP amendment, please contact Steven Luxenberg (steve.luxenberg@dot.gov) of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5066.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

/s/ K. Sue Kiser

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