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

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: SHASTA MPO 2006 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 7

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has completed its review of Amendment No. 7 to the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency's 2006 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated December 7, 2007. The amendment, adopted by Resolution No. 07-09 on October 23, 2007, modifies two project listings previously included in the FTIP/FSTIP: adding the Castle Crags State Park Recreational Trails Program project to the MPO FTIP grouped project listing for non-motorized transportation improvements, and modifying the grouped listing for the State Highway Operations and Protection Program Collision Reduction Program projects.

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 proposed modification to the grouped project listing for non-motorized transportation improvements included in the 2006/07 – 2009/10 FSTIP for the Shasta MPO region. As recommended by your amendment submittal letter, we are excluding the proposed modifications to the SHOPP Collision Reduction grouped project listing from our approval of Amendment No. 7. Your letter indicated that the SHASTA MPO will submit a revised request to modify the SHOPP grouped listing in February 2008, thereby listing total FTIP funding for the project with EA: #2C580 in FY 2008/09. We are approving the modification to the grouped project listing for non-motorized transportation projects 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 Shasta MPO's 2006/07 FTIP, through Amendment No. 7, 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 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (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, or are proposed for implementation in an area of the State of California that is designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal air quality standards, and, as a consequence, is not subject to the requirement that an air quality conformity determination be made.

If you have questions or need additional information regarding this action please contact Wade Hobbs at (916) 498-5027, or by email at [wade.hobbs@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:wade.hobbs@fhwa.dot.gov).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Steve Luxenberg*

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