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Mr. Will Kempton, Director  
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Attention: Federal Resources Office, MS # 82  
For Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: FY 2007 FTIP Amendment No. 11-11A – Stanislaus Council of Governments  
(StanCOG)

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed the review of Amendment No. 11-11A to the STANCOG Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated July 16, 2008. STANCOG adopted Amendment No. 11-11A via Resolution 7-49 on June 11, 2008.

The primary purpose of StanCOG's FTIP Amendment No. 11-11A is to amend StanCOG's FTIP projects, as shown in the attachment to your letter, with funding from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), Regional Surface Transportation Program, and the FTA 5307 program.

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 2009/07 – 2009/10 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the STANCOG 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 STANCOG's 2007 FTIP, through Amendment No. 11-11A, 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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We have determined that this program modification is exempt from the regional emissions analysis requirements pursuant to the transportation conformity provisions found in 40 CFR Part 93. 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 the FTIP 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, and that approval of this programming action does not provide a federal eligibility determination for CMAQ projects or any other project funding source included in this amendment.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval for this STANCOG FSTIP amendment, please contact Scott Carson ([scott.carson@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:scott.carson@fhwa.dot.gov)) of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5029.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Leslie T. Rogers*

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