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

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: TAHOE MPO 2006 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 4

We have completed our review of the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization's (TMPO) 2006 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 4 that was submitted by your letter dated July 19, 2007. The TMPO adopted Resolution Number 2007-08 on May 23, 2007, approving Amendment No. 4 to the 2006 TMPO FTIP. As detailed in the enclosure to your letter, this TMPO FTIP amendment proposes to add eleven new project listings to California's 2006/07-2009/10 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) and to modify nine project listings that were previously approved for inclusion in California's 2006/07 FSTIP. This amendment also proposed the addition of one new project listing (CTIPS ID 220-0000-0070) to the Nevada Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (Nevada STIP) and provided FTIP/FSTIP listings data for two projects (CTIPS ID 120-0000-0033 and 120-0000-0034) that are unchanged from the previous FTIP/FSTIP listings approved by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration.

We are approving Amendment No. 4 to the 2006 FTIP for the Tahoe region pursuant to the Federal statewide and metropolitan transportation planning regulations codified in 23 CFR Part 450, and in accord with the *July 15, 2004, Memorandum of Understanding between the FHWA, California Division, and the FTA, Region IX*. We find that the Tahoe MPO 2006 FTIP, including Amendment No. 4, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 USC 135. The changes proposed to the California 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 and as a consequence, is not subject to the requirement that an air quality conformity determination be made. Our findings concerning

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transportation planning and air quality conformity have been coordinated with the regional offices of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

The addition of the fourth year of programming revises the Tahoe MPO 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 Tahoe MPO FTIP Amendment No. 4 into California's 2006/07-2009/10 FSTIP. Based on FHWA's understanding that a gap closure analysis has been completed, the Tahoe MPO will be able to continue to amend the 2006/07-2009/10 FTIP beyond the SAFETEA-LU implementation deadline of July 1, 2007.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our California FSTIP approval for this Tahoe MPO FTIP Amendment, please contact Wade Hobbs of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by e-mail at [wade.hobbs@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:wade.hobbs@fhwa.dot.gov).

Sincerely,

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