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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 2009 FTIP Amendment No. 3 – Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed the review of Amendment No. 3 to the SACOG FY 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated January 22, 2009. SACOG adopted Amendment No. 3 via Resolution 75-2008 on December 18, 2009. The primary purpose(s) of SACOG's FTIP Amendment No. 3 is to add, modify, or delete various projects from various funding programs throughout the Sacramento metropolitan region.

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 2008/09 – 2011/12 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 FTIP, through Amendment No. 3, 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).

In our letter to SACOG dated February 19, 2009, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the FTA made a joint air quality conformity determination for the amended SACOG FY 2009/12 FTIP through Amendment #3 and the 2035 RTP through Amendment #1. The joint FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination for the amended FTIP and the RTP is required by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Rule, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the FHWA/FTA Metropolitan Planning Regulations, 23 CFR Part 450. This finding has been coordinated with EPA Region 9 in accordance with the procedures outlined in

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the *National Memorandum of Understanding between DOT and EPA on Transportation Conformity*, dated April 25, 2000. Therefore, we find that the FTIP conforms 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 SACOG FSTIP amendment, please contact Scott Carson (scott.carson@fhwa.dot.gov) of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5029.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

/s/ K. Sue Kiser

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