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

Dear Ms. McKim:

SUBJECT: MCTC FY 2010/11-2013/14 FTIP Amendment # 3

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed the review of Amendment # 3 to the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) FY 2010/11-2013/14 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated May 2, 2011. MCTC adopted Amendment # 3 on March 23, 2011. This amendment to MCTC's FTIP:

- Adds/Modifies projects in the MCTC region with funding from the Highway Safety Improvement Program and local transportation funds.

Pursuant to the July 17, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we accept the modifications to the 2010/11-2013/14 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the MCTC region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Planning published in the February 14, 2007 Federal Register. We find that MCTC's FTIP, through Amendment # 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. 174, 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).

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*

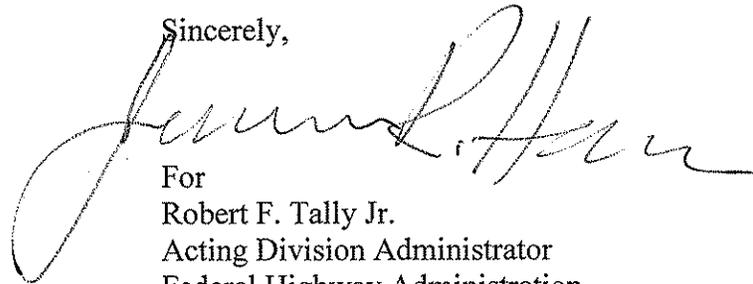
Understanding between DOT and EPA on Transportation Conformity, dated April 25, 2000. Therefore, we find that the FTIP continues to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).



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 MCTC FSTIP amendment, please contact Scott Carson of the FHWA California Division office at 916-498-5029 or by email at Scott.Carson@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert F. Tally Jr.", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the typed name and title.

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