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August 4, 2011

Ms. Joanne S. Marchetta
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Dear Ms. Marchetta:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) received the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization's (TMPO) request for delegated authority from Caltrans to approve Administrative Modifications to the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). The board action attached to your request indicates that the Executive Director is delegated the approval of Administrative Modifications for the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and the FSTIP. With the acknowledgement of your board action, Caltrans hereby delegates to TMPO the authority to approve Administrative Modifications to the FSTIP in accordance with the revised FSTIP/ FTIP Amendments and Administrative Modification Procedures dated June 7, 2011.

The following procedures apply to all MPOs that receive Caltrans' delegation:

1. Prior to approving the FTIP/FSTIP administrative modifications, the MPO may consult with Caltrans on proposed changes.
2. The MPO may request Caltrans to provide a cursory review of the administrative modification prior to the MPO's approval.
3. The MPO shall send copies of the approved administrative modifications to Caltrans, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and other stakeholders. Caltrans will post the approved administrative modifications on the Division of Transportation Programming Website.
4. Caltrans will routinely review the MPO's approved administrative modifications and will reject changes that do not comply with the attached procedures. In such cases the MPO must correct all items of noncompliance.
5. Caltrans will withdraw its delegation from any MPO that is found to be consistently noncompliant with the revised FSTIP/ FTIP Amendments and Administrative Modification Procedures.

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Thank you for requesting this delegation that will undoubtedly streamline your region's programming process and thus expedite projects. My staff is looking forward to working with your staff to ensure a successful implementation of this delegation. If you have any questions, please call Muhaned Aljabiry at (916) 654-2983.

Sincerely,



RACHEL FALSETTI, Chief
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August 03, 2011

Rachel Falsetti, Chief
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Attn: Muhaned Aljabiry

Subject: Approve Administrative Modifications to the FSTIP in Accordance with the Revised Amendment and Administrative Modifications Procedures and Delegation Authority to Approve Administrative Modifications to the FSTIP

Dear Ms. Falsetti:

Please accept for your review the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (TMPO) Board Resolution No. 11. This board resolution approves administrative modifications to the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) in accordance with the June 3, 2011 Federal Highway Administration revised Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment and Administrative Modification Procedures.

In addition, the board resolution delegates the approval of administrative modifications to the executive director. With this resolution, the TMPO is requesting delegation authority from Caltrans to approve administrative modifications to the FSTIP.

The TMPO Public Participation Plan (PPP) is consistent with this new process and the revised amendment and administrative modification procedures. The PPP does not require updating for FSTIP delegation of administrative modifications.

If you have any questions regarding the attached board resolution, please contact Judy Weber at 775-589-5203.

Sincerely,

Joanne S. Marchetta
Executive Director

Attachment

TAHOE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION,
TMPO RESOLUTION NO. 2011 -11

APPROVAL OF REVISED FEDERAL STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM/FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FSTIP/FTIP) AMENDMENT
AND ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (TMPO) is the federally designated transportation planning organization for the Lake Tahoe Basin as defined by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) and continued in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) ; and

WHEREAS, the FTIP has been developed and maintained in accordance with SAFETEA-LU and Title 23, CFR 450; and

WHEREAS, revised FTIP Amendment and Administrative Modification Procedures in accordance with Title 23, CFR 450 and endorsed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) are proposed for projects in California portion of the Lake Tahoe Region; and

WHEREAS, the revised Administrative Modification Procedures allow the addition of funding limited to the lesser of 40 percent of the total project cost or \$10 million to qualify as an Administrative Modification; and

WHEREAS, the revised procedures authorize CALTRANS to delegate to TMPO, through the executive director, the approval of administrative modifications to the FTIP and corresponding administrative modifications to the FSTIP; and

WHEREAS, these revisions are aimed at expanding the parameters of an administrative modification and offer greater accountability and flexibility to CALTRANS and the TMPO; and

WHEREAS, upon the approval of this resolution by the TMPO Governing Board the revised Amendment and Administrative Modification Procedures will be effective;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of TMPO adopts this resolution approving the revised Amendment and Administrative Modification Procedures and delegates to the Executive Director the authority to approve administrative modifications to the FSTIP/FTIP.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization at its regular meeting held on July 27, 2011, by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Aldean, Mr. Beyer, Ms. Bresnick, Mr. Breternitz, Mr. Cashman, Ms. Fortier, Ms. McDermid, Mr. Miller, Ms. Reedy, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Santiago, Mr. Sevison, Mr. Sher, Mr. Shute

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Norma Santiago". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Norma Santiago, Chair
TMPO Governing Board