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Attention: Mr. Muhaned Aljabiry

SUBJECT: BCAG AMENDMENT NO. 6

Dear Ms. Falsetti:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed the review of Amendment No. 6 to the Butte County Association of Governments' (BCAG) 2012/13 – 2015/16 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated January 27, 2014. This amendment to BCAG's FTIP:

- Adds funding for a project and modifies funding for another in the State Highway Operations and Protection Program and the Collision Reduction Grouped Listing.

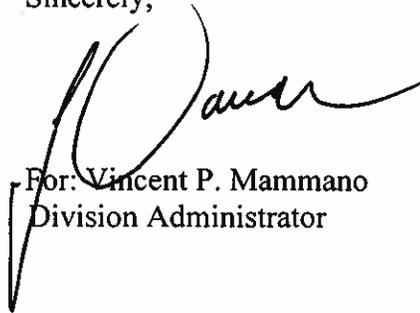
Pursuant to the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we accept the modifications to the 2012/13 – 2015/16 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the BCAG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning published in the February 14, 2007 Federal Register. We find that BCAG's FSTIP, through Amendment No. 6, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the metropolitan planning provisions of 23 CFR Part 450.

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 BCAG FSTIP amendment, please contact Joseph Vaughn of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5346 or by email at [Joseph.Vaughn@dot.gov](mailto:Joseph.Vaughn@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Mammano", written over a vertical line that extends downwards from the signature area.

For: Vincent P. Mammano  
Division Administrator