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Attention: Jermaine R. Hannon

Attention: Ray Sukys

Dear Mr. Hannon and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) transmits for your review and approval Amendment No. 4 to the rural non-Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) portion of the California 2013 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration approve this Amendment No. 4 for inclusion into California's 2013 FSTIP.

Amendment No. 4 modifies four (4) existing projects and adds two (2) new projects, as described in *Attachment 1, Summary of Changes*. The programming changes to the State and Local elements include:

- Proj #1: Stabilize State Route 101 at Wilson Creek – Moves \$543,000 of High Priority Program (HPP) funds from the prior year to Fiscal Year (FY) 12/13.
- Proj #2: Calaveras County Sealing Unpaved Roads – Moves \$1,185,000 of HPP funds from the prior year to FY 12/13.
- Proj #3: Grouped Project Listing for Planning and Technical Studies – Modifies funding and adds a new project for \$280,000 awarded through the 2012 Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program (TCSP). The Smith River Tribe is the recipient of the TCSP grant for US 101 Smith River Regional Mobility Study.
- Proj #4: Grouped Project Listing for Safety, Air Quality and Other (Public Lands Highway Program) – Adds a new project to the grouped project listing for \$2.5million awarded through the 2012 Public Lands Highway Discretionary Program. The project is for the Bald Hills Road Rehabilitation project to and from the Yurok Reservation.

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- Proj #5: Rehabilitation of Bridgeport Covered Bridge in Nevada County – Programs \$545,000 awarded through 2012 Federal Discretionary National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program and \$137,000 of local matching funds in FY 12/13.
- Proj #6: Grouped Project Listing for Engineering – Programs a new project totaling \$4.1million in various fiscal years for statewide local assistance engineering oversight and monitoring of local agency federal aid projects.

Projects in this amendment with funding beyond the four-year cycle of the current FSTIP are included for information only. These projects are included and submitted by Caltrans through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). In addition to being available in CTIPS, programming pages for each project are also enclosed for your ready reference.

The financial impact of this amendment is compatible with the anticipated revenues in the 2013 FSTIP Financial Plan and remains financially constrained as demonstrated in *Attachment 2, Financial Summary Tables*.

Based upon correspondence from FHWA dated May 27, 2008, projects in non-metropolitan isolated non-attainment areas of the State do not need to meet project conformity to be included in the FSTIP. However, such projects must comply with project level conformity requirements when a Federal action such as a National Environmental Protection Agency decision or obligation of funds, is taken on the project.

This amendment was made available for public review and comment for fourteen (14) days which began on March 6, 2013 and concluded on March 20, 2013. There were no comments received during the public comment period. In addition, there are no projects in this amendment that are included in any other amendment that is currently open for public review.

Please note that the approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of projects for federal funding.

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If you have any questions, please contact to Lilibeth Green of my staff, at (916) 654-3521, Email:
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Falsetti', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

RACHEL FALSETTI
Chief
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Enclosures

c: Lisa Hanf, EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosures)
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