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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry

SUBJECT: 2015 FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 27, NON-METROPOLITAN AREA

Dear Mr. de Terra:

We have completed our review of Amendment Number 27 to the non-metropolitan planning organization (non-MPO) portion of California's 2015 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) that was submitted by your letter to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) dated March 22, 2016. As described in your letter, this amendment modifies two previously approved grouped project listings in the 2015 FSTIP for: preliminary engineering by Caltrans Local Assistance; and State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) Emergency Repair projects. This amendment also adds one new grouped project for the FHWA Federal Lands Highway Program projects, and modifies one previously approved bridge replacement project listing.

Based on our review, we accept this amendment to the 2015 FSTIP in accord with the *Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning* that was published in the Federal Register on February 14, 2007. We find that the non-MPO portion of California's FSTIP, including this amendment, was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the statewide planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. 135 and 49 U.S.C. 5304 as amended by Public Law 114-94, the *"Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act"* (FAST Act).

The changes proposed to the FSTIP by this amendment are associated with highway or transit program projects that are either: exempt from the requirement to determine conformity pursuant to 40 CFR 93.126 or 93.127; or are proposed for implementation in an area of the State of California that are designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal Air Quality Standards; or are associated with projects located in isolated non-attainment areas outside the metropolitan planning areas of the State,

and as a consequence, are not subject to the requirements that a regional air quality conformity determination be made prior to FSTIP programming.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval of this amendment, please contact Wade Hobbs of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by email at wade.hobbs@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

For: Vincent P. Mammano
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