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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry

SUBJECT: 2017 FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 36, NON-METROPOLITAN AREA

Dear Mr. de Terra:

We have completed our review of Amendment Number 36 to the non-metropolitan planning organization (non-MPO) portion of California's 2017 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) that was submitted by your letter to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) dated July 25, 2018. As described in your letter, this amendment modifies the previously approved grouped project listings for highway safety improvements in the State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) Minor Program.

Pursuant to the *February 14, 2018, Memorandum of Agreement between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Region IX*, we accept this amendment to the 2017 FSTIP in accordance with the *Final Rule on Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning; Metropolitan Transportation Planning,* that was published in the Federal Register on May 27, 2016. 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 pursuant to 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 program projects that are exempt from the requirement to determine regional conformity pursuant to 40 CFR §93.126 or §93.127. We are approving this amendment with the understanding that eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the grantee meeting all Federal administrative and statutory requirements. Our approval of FSTIP Amendment No. 36 does not constitute an eligibility determination for the federal funds proposed for obligation on the listed projects.

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,

Wade Hobbs
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