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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry

SUBJECT: 2017 FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 19, NON-METROPOLITAN AREA

Dear Mr. de Terra:

We have completed our review of Amendment Number 19 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 October 26, 2017. As described in your letter, this amendment adds one new individually listed project and modifies two grouped project listings previously approved for inclusion in the 2017 FSTIP.

Based on our review, 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 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 is 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. 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. 19 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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