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Attention: Federal Resources Office, M.S. 82
For Rachel Falsetti, Division of Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Iwasaki:

SUBJECT: TMPO 2008/09 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 12

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 12 to the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization's (TMPO's) 2008/09 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated December 17, 2009. The TMPO Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2009-31 on December 16, 2009, approving this FTIP modification and reaffirming the conformity of the transportation improvement program with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. As detailed in the enclosure to your letter, this TMPO FTIP amendment adds a new Recovery Act funded project listing in program year 2009/10 for the construction phase of the Pioneer Overlay Project including recessed stripping and drain inlet upgrades.

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 proposed modifications to the 2008/09-2011/12 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the Tahoe MPO region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning that was published in the February 14, 2007, Federal Register. We find that the Tahoe MPO's 2008/09 FTIP, through Amendment Number 12, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the metropolitan planning provision of 23 U.S.C. 134, and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as amended by Section 6001 of Public Law 109-59, the Safe Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

The highway overlay and pavement marking project proposed for addition to the FTIP/FSTIP by this amendment is of the type listed in Table 2 of 40 CFR §93.126, and, as a consequence, is not subject to the requirement that an air quality conformity determination be made.

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

Sincerely,

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