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**SUBJECT:** Butte County Association of Governments' (BCAG) 2012/13-2015/16 FTIP  
Amendment No. 1

Dear Mr. Dougherty and Mr. Clark :

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed the review of Amendment No. 1 to the Butte County Association of Governments' (BCAG) FY 2012/13-2015/16 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated January 17, 2013. BCAG adopted Amendment No. 1 on December 13, 2012. This amendment to BCAG's FTIP:

- Adds or modifies projects from various funding sources in Butte County. This amendment includes projects funded from the Highway Bridge Program, Highway Safety Improvement Program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program (CMAQ), State Bond and local funds.

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 modifications to the 2012/13 – 2015/16 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the BCAG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning published in the February 14, 2007 Federal Register. We find that BCAG's 2013 FTIP through Amendment No. 1 was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the metropolitan planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134.

This amendment acceptance is pursuant to a joint FHWA and FTA air quality conformity determination for the amended BCAG 2013 FTIP. This joint FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination for the amended BCAG 2013 FTIP is required by the Environmental Protection

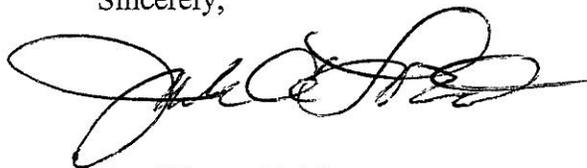
Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Rule, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the FHWA/FTA Metropolitan Planning Regulations, 23 CFR Part 450.

This finding has been coordinated with EPA Region 9 in accordance with the procedures outlined in the *National Memorandum of Understanding between DOT and EPA on Transportation Conformity*, dated April 25, 2000. Therefore, we find that BCAG's 2013 FTIP through Amendment No. 1 conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This approval is provided with the understanding that the FTA funding approval on the individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements, and that approval of this programming action does not provide a federal eligibility determination for CMAQ projects or any other project funding source included in this amendment.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval for this BCAG FTIP amendment, please contact Joseph Vaughn ([Joseph.Vaughn@dot.gov](mailto:Joseph.Vaughn@dot.gov)) of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5346.

Sincerely,

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

For: Vincent P. Mammano  
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