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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry

SUBJECT: 2012/13 FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 4, NON-METROPOLITAN AREA

Dear Ms. Falsetti:

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 4 to the Non-Metropolitan Planning Organization (non-MPO) portion of California's 2012/13 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 21, 2013. As detailed in your letter, this amendment adds one new grouped project and four new individually listed projects to the FSTIP, and modifies one previously programmed grouped project listing.

Based on our review, we accept this amendment to the 2012/13 FSTIP in accordance 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 accordance with the statewide planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. 135 and 49 U.S.C. 5304 as amended by Public Law 112-141, the "*Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act*" (MAP-21). We are approving this amendment to the 2012/13 FSTIP in accordance with the *July 15, 2004, Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX.*

The changes proposed to the FSTIP, by this amendment, are associated with highway and 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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