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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry

SUBJECT: BCAG MPO 2015 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 10

Dear Mr. de Terra:

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 10 to the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated May 5, 2016. Amendment No. 10 to the BCAG 2015 FTIP was approved on March 24, 2016, by BCAG Board Resolution 2015/16-11. This BCAG FTIP amendment proposes: the addition of two individually listed projects, the deletion of two individual project listings, and the modification of one individually listed project located within the Butte County metropolitan planning area.

Pursuant to the *December 15, 2014, Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Region IX*, we accept the proposed modifications to the 2015 FTIP/FSTIP for the BCAG Metropolitan Planning Organization (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 BCAG MPO' s 2015 FTIP, including Amendment No.10, 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, and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as amended by Public Law 114-94, the "*Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act*" (FAST Act).

The changes proposed to the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) by this amendment are associated with projects that are either exempt from the requirements to determine conformity pursuant to 40 CFR 93.126 or 93.127; or are proposed for implementation in areas of the State of California that are designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal Air Quality Standards, and as a consequence, are not subject to the requirement that an air quality conformity determination be made.

This joint FHWA and FTA approval of FTIP/FSTIP Amendment No. 10 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 FSTIP amendment, please contact Wade Hobbs of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by email at Wade.Hobbs@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

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