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Attention: Federal Resources Office, MS #82
For Ross A. Chittenden, Division of Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: NON-MPO 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 15

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has completed its review of Amendment Number 15 to the non-Metropolitan Planning Organization (Non-MPO) portion of the 2004/0-5-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated October 24, 2005. This amendment adds programming for the Foothill Trail Bridge Replacement project in Humboldt County and in conjunction increases the funding programmed for the grouped project listing for Recreational Trail projects in the non-MPO portion of the FSTIP. In addition, this amendment increases the funds programmed for Right-of-Way costs for the Route 101/36 Interchange project near Fortuna.

We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR part 450 and find that the amended FSTIP is based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process and was developed in accord with the statewide planning provisions of 23 USC 135. The changes proposed to the FSTIP by this amendment are associated with projects proposed for implementation in those areas of the State of California that are designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal air quality standards and, as a consequence, is not subject to the requirement that an air quality conformity determination be made. These findings have been coordinated with the Region IX office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) pursuant to the single mode amendment procedures outlined in the *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX,* dated July 15, 2005.

This letter constitutes joint FHWA and FTA approval for the inclusion of Amendment Number 15 for the non-urbanized areas of the State into California's 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP.

Sincerely,

For
Gene K. Fong
Division Administrator

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