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SUBJECT: MCTC FY 2012/13-2015/16 FTIP Amendment # 3 and MCTC 2011 RTP
Amendment # 1

Dear Ms. Falsetti:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed the review of Amendment # 3 to the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) FY 2012/13-2015/16 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated April 8, 2013. MCTC adopted Amendment # 3 to its FY 2012/13-2015/16 FTIP and Amendment # 1 to its 2011 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) with reliance on a previous air quality conformity analysis on April 8, 2013. This amendment to MCTC's FTIP:

- Adds State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding to one project in the MCTC region. Amendment # 3 is consistent with a previous conformity analysis and also references Amendment #1 to MCTC's 2011 RTP.

Pursuant to the July 17, 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) and the 2011 RTP for the MCTC region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning published in the February 14, 2007 Federal Register.

We find that the MCTC's FTIP, through Amendment # 3 and the 2011 RTP through Amendment # 1, were developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the metropolitan planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. 174, and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as amended by Sections 1201, 1202, 20005 and 20006 of Public Law 112-141, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21).

We have determined that this program modification does not require a new regional emissions analysis because the projects were found to conform as part of a previous analysis, pursuant to the transportation conformity provisions found in 40 CFR Part 93 section 122(g). This finding has been coordinated with Region 9 of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 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 the FTIP continues to conform 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 MCTC FSTIP amendment, please contact Scott Carson (scott.carson@dot.gov) of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5029.

Sincerely,



For: Vincent P. Mammano
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