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Attention: Federal Resources Office, M.S. 82  
For Rachel Falsetti, Division of Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Iwasaki:

SUBJECT: TMPO 2008/09 – 2011/12 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 10

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of the project on the California side of Amendment No. 10 to the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization's (TMPO) 2008/09 – 2011/12 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated October 13, 2009. The TMPO Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2009-27 on August 26, 2009, approving this FTIP modification and reaffirming the conformity of the transportation improvement program with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. As detailed in the enclosure to your letter, this TMPO FTIP amendment modifies the Transit Operating Assistance project listing on the California side that was previously approved for inclusion in the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

The FHWA and FTA find that the TMPO 2008/09 – 2011/12 FTIP, including the project on the California side of Amendment No. 10, was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. § 134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53. We have determined that the adopted modification to the TMPO FTIP is exempt from the regional emissions analysis requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Transportation Conformity Rule as amended. The metropolitan transportation planning and regional air quality conformity finding has been coordinated with the regional offices of the U.S. EPA and FTA.

Based on our review of the FTIP financial constraint documentation submitted with the subject amendment, we have determined that the amended FTIP is financially constrained as required by



the Federal surface transportation programs authorizing legislation, statewide and metropolitan planning, and programming regulations.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our FSTIP approval for the California side of this TMPO FTIP amendment, please contact Michael Morris of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5887, or by email at [michael.morris@dot.gov](mailto:michael.morris@dot.gov); or Ted Matley of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 744-2590, or by email at [ted.matley@fta.dot.gov](mailto:ted.matley@fta.dot.gov).

Sincerely,

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