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Subject: Amendment #10 to the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization's FY 2008-2012 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and the FY 2009-2012 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Susan Martinovich, P.E.  
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Attention: Dennis Taylor, Program Development

Dear Ms. Martinovich:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has reviewed the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (TMPO) Amendment #10 to the FY 2008-2012 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and the corresponding amendment to the FY 2009-2012 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) transmitted by your letter dated September 2, 2009. Please note your letter incorrectly referred to the subject amendment as Amendment #9. The TMPO Governing Board adopted Resolution No. 2009-27 on August 26, 2009, approving this FTIP amendment and reaffirming the conformity of the transportation improvement program with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. TMPO has requested these changes be incorporated into the STIP in accordance with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and TMPO's jointly adopted procedures and the *Memorandum of Understanding between the FHWA California Division and the FHWA Nevada Division*. As detailed in your letter, this amendment includes revisions to **Statewide 9, Statewide 26, and Tahoe 1** move funding between fiscal years and add additional funding for existing erosion control and water quality improvement projects on US-50 and to add a new safety and rehabilitation project on SR-28/SR-431.

FHWA has determined these changes to the TMPO FTIP are exempt from the regional emissions analysis requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Transportation Conformity Rule as amended. We find that the TMPO FY 2008-2012 FTIP, including Amendment #10, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. §134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53.



Based on our review of the documentation submitted with the subject amendment, we have determined that the amended FTIP/STIP is financially constrained as required by the Federal surface transportation programs authorizing legislation and statewide and metropolitan planning and programming regulations.

FHWA is approving this amendment in accordance with the *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, Nevada Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*. If you have questions or need additional information concerning this amendment, please contact me at (775) 687-5322.

Sincerely,



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