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Dear Mr. Garcia:

SUBJECT: Conformity Determination for BCAG's 2008 RTP and 2009 FTIP through Amendment #1

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the conformity determination for the Butte County Association of Governments' (BCAG) 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) through Amendment #1. A FTA/FHWA air quality conformity determination is required for the new 2008 RTP and the 2009 FTIP through Amendment #1 pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the United States Department of Transportation's *Metropolitan Planning Rule*, 23 CFR Part 450.

On December 11, 2008, BCAG adopted the 2008 RTP, adopted the 2009 FTIP through Amendment #1, and made the corresponding conformity determinations via Resolution 2008/2009-06. The conformity analysis submitted by BCAG indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, we find that the 2008 RTP and 2009 FTIP through Amendment #1 conform to the applicable state implementation plan in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. In accordance with the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, the FTA has concurred with this conformity determination. Additionally, this conformity determination was made after consultation with the EPA, Region 9 office.

In accordance with the above MOU, the FHWA's single signature constitutes FHWA and FTA's joint air quality conformity determination for BCAG's 2008 RTP and 2009 FTIP through Amendment #1. If you have any questions pertaining to this conformity finding, please contact Aimee Kratovil, FHWA, at (916) 498-5866.

Sincerely,

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