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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry

SUBJECT: BCAG MPO 2017 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 5

Dear Mr. de Terra:

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 5 to the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated February 27, 2018. Amendment No. 5 to the BCAG 2017 FTIP was approved on August 24, 2017, by BCAG Board Resolution 2017/18-10. This BCAG FTIP amendment proposes to add one new project listing for the project approval and environmental document (PA&ED) activities for the preliminary engineering (PE) phase of the Bruce Road Bridge replacement project, and to modify a previously approved grouped project listing for FTA Section 5310 funded enhancement program projects.

Pursuant to the *February 14, 2018, Memorandum of Agreement between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Region IX*, we accept the proposed modification to the 2017 FTIP/FSTIP for the BCAG Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) region in accordance with the *Final Rule on Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning; Metropolitan Transportation Planning* that was published in the May 27, 2016, Federal Register. We find that the BCAG MPO's 2017 FTIP, including Amendment No.5, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the metropolitan planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134, and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as amended by Public Law 114-94, the "*Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act*" (FAST Act).

The changes proposed to the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) by this amendment are associated with projects or project phases that are either exempt from the requirements to determine conformity pursuant to 40 CFR 93.126 or 93.127; or are proposed for implementation in areas of the State of California that are designated as attainment or unclassified for

Federal Air Quality Standards, and as a consequence, are not subject to the requirement that an air quality conformity determination be made.

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 of this FSTIP amendment, please contact Wade Hobbs of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by email at Wade.Hobbs@dot.gov; or Jerome Wiggins of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 734-9475, or by email at Jerome.Wiggins@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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