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SUBJECT:    Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) FY 2019 FTIP  
              Amendment # 3

Dear Mr. De Terra:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed the review of Amendment # 3 to the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) FY 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated January 29, 2020. BCAG adopted Amendment # 3 on December 12, 2019. This amendment to BCAG's FTIP:

- Modifies and adds projects in the BCAG region funded from the Active Transportation Program, State Highway Operation and Protection Program, Highway Safety Improvement Program and Highway Bridge Program. The amendment also provides BCAG's update to its Safety Performance Measure (PM1) and adds performance measure language to support BCAG's targets for Bridge and Pavement Conditions (PM2) and System Performance, Freight and Air Quality (PM3).

Pursuant to the February 14, 2018, *Memorandum of Agreement between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we accept the modifications to the FY 2019 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the BCAG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning published in the May 27, 2016 Federal Register.

We find that the BCAG's FTIP, through Amendment # 3, 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).

We have determined that this program modification is exempt from the regional emissions analysis requirements pursuant to the transportation conformity provisions found in 40 CFR Part 93. 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 BCAG FSTIP amendment, please contact Scott Carson ([scott.carson@dot.gov](mailto:scott.carson@dot.gov)) of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5029.



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