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SUBJECT:    Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) FY 2019 FTIP Amendment # 1

Dear Mr. De Terra:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed the review of Amendment # 1 to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) FY 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated March 13, 2019. TRPA adopted Amendment # 1 on February 27, 2019. This amendment to TRPA's FTIP:

- Modifies projects in the TRPA region. Funding sources include the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, Highway Safety Improvement Program, Surface Transportation Program and various FTA programs.

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 TRPA 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 TRPA's FTIP, through Amendment # 1, 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. In addition, approval of this programming action modifying the FSTIP does not provide a federal eligibility determination for CMAQ projects or any other project funding source included in this amendment.

Also, in coordination with the FHWA Nevada Division office, our approval is only for the addition and or modification (including deletion) of projects located in the State of California to the California FSTIP. Projects located in the State of Nevada are approved by FHWA Nevada Division office in coordination with FTA Region IX.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval into the California FSTIP for California located projects for this TRPA 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 or Alex Smith ([alexander.smith@dot.gov](mailto:alexander.smith@dot.gov)) of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 734-9472.

*/s/ Ray Tellis*

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