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Attention: Mr. Muhaned Aljabiry, Chief
Office of Federal Transportation Management Program

SUBJECT: Conformity Determination for MCTC's Amendment No. 2 to the 2014 Regional
Transportation Plan and the MCTC's FY 2017 - 2020 FTIP/FSTIP Amendment No. 8

Dear Mr. Aljabiry:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the Madera County Transportation Commission's (MCTC) FY 2017 - 2020 Amendment No. 2 to the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the MCTC's FY 2017 - 2020 FTIP/FSTIP Amendment No. 8 submitted by your letter dated December 5, 2017. MCTC adopted Amendment No. 2 to the 2014 RTP and Amendment No. 8 to the FTIP with Resolution 17-11 on November 22, 2017. This amendment proposes to modify the source and/or amount of funding for two regionally significant projects with a net increase in funding of approximately \$103 million.

The conformity analysis submitted to the FHWA/FTA by MCTC indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. 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 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 MCTC's Amendment No. 2 to the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan and the MCTC's FY 2017 - 2020 FTIP/FSTIP through Amendment No. 8

continues to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93.

Per the December 15, 2014 *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we accept the revisions to the FY 2017 - 2020 FSTIP for the MCTC region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning published in the February 14, 2007 Federal Register. We find that the MCTC FY 2017 - 2020 FTIP, including Amendment No. 8, was developed through a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 U.S.C. §134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53. The FTA Region IX office has concurred with the approval of this amendment.

Based upon our review, we find the FTIP financial constraint documentation submitted with this amendment is financially constrained as required by the Federal surface transportation programs authorizing legislation and statewide and metropolitan planning and programming regulations. In accordance with the above MOU with FTA, the FHWA's single signature constitutes FHWA and FTA's joint air quality conformity determination for the MCTC's Regional Transportation Plan and the 2017 - 2020 FTIP. Accordingly, FHWA and FTA approve this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450. This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of MCTC's 2017 FTIP Amendment No. 8 into California's 2017 FSTIP.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please call Stew Sonnenberg by phone at (916) 498-5889 or Lucinda Eagle by phone at (415) 734-9457.

Sincerely,



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