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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry

**SUBJECT:** Madera County Transportation Commission's (MCTC) 2018 Regional  
Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment No.1 and the 2019 Federal Transportation  
Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 3 with positive conformity  
determination for the 2015 8-Hour Ozone Standard

Dear Mr. De Terra and Ms. Taylor:

The Federal Highway Administration, (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of MCTC's RTP Amendment No.1 and FTIP Amendment No. 3 with a positive conformity determination for the 2015 8-Hour Ozone Standard, which was submitted by the California Department of Transportation's Transportation Programming Office on April 9, 2019.

We find that the MCTC's FTIP, as amended, 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 (FAST) Act.

MCTC approved the 2018 RTP and 2019 FTIP, as amended and the accompanying conformity analysis on March 29, 2019. The conformity analysis submitted indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met, including those for the 2015 8-hour ozone standard. Additionally, the other seven metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) in the San Joaquin Nonattainment Area have also provided the FHWA and the FTA with their positive conformity determinations for this standard.

Pursuant to the February 14, 2018, Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the FHWA, California Division, and the FTA, Region IX, we accept the modifications to the FY 2019 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the MCTC 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 2018 RTP and 2019 FTIP, as amended, conform to the applicable state implementation plan (SIP) in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93.

As agreed in the MOA, FHWA's single signature constitutes the FHWA and the FTA's joint approval and air quality conformity determination for MCTC's 2018 RTP and 2019 FTIP as amended, including the 2015 8-hour ozone standard. Additionally, this approval was made after consultation with the EPA, Region 9 office, pursuant to the Transportation Conformity Rule.

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, please contact Scott Carson of the FHWA California Division Office at (916) 498-5029/by email at [scott.carson@dot.gov](mailto:scott.carson@dot.gov) or, Joseph Vaughn at (916) 498-5346/by email at [Joseph.Vaughn@dot.gov](mailto:Joseph.Vaughn@dot.gov).

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