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Attention: Penny Gray

Subject: Submittal of the Madera County Amendment #4 and Amendment #5 to the 2009 Interim FTIP and Corresponding Conformity Analysis

Dear Mr. Aljabiry:

Enclosed for your review and approval is the Amendment #4 (Type 2) and Amendment #5 (Type 3) to the 2009 Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program (Interim FTIP). Amendment #4 to the 2009 Interim FTIP adds the Proposed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 revenue as a fund source. The California State Department of Transportation, on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration, has requested MCTC process a "revenue-only" amendment to include the following "American Recovery and Reinvestment" proposed funding. Please note that these amounts may be adjusted to meet the final appropriation established by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The funding is being programmed in the Financial Plan of the 2009 Interim FTIP for MCTC under Economic Recovery (ECREC) as directed by Caltrans Programming. Amendment No. 4 programs ECREC as a new funding source only. There are no projects associated to this revenue source at this time; therefore, no further conformity determination is required. This amendment does not interfere with the timely implementation of any approved TCMs.

Amendment #5 programs a Lump Sum Local Road Rehabilitation project; and a FTA Section 5311 – Alternative Transit Amenities project using local Measure T funds in preparation of the Proposed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. An administrative amendment will be used to adjust funding sources to utilize the Madera County apportionment of ECREC funds. Amendment #5 also adds two years of FTA Section 5316 and 5317 – for the MAX Express Service project.

Amendment #4 and Amendment #5 meet all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450 and 40 CFR Part 93. These projects and/or project phases are consistent with the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which was adopted by the Madera County Transportation Commission on May 23, 2007 and approved by FHWA/FTA on June 29, 2007.

A 7-day public review and interagency consultation period was completed on February 18, 2009. A public hearing was held at our regularly scheduled Board meeting on February 18, 2009. The final document has been updated to address public comments received. The public participation process for Amendment #4 and Amendment #5 to the 2009 Interim FTIP is consistent with MCTC board adopted public participation plan. On February 18, 2009, the MCTC Board of Directors approved Amendment #4 and Amendment #5 to the 2009 Interim FTIP. State and federal approval is required.

Included with this letter are two hard copies of Amendment #4 and Amendment #5 to the 2009 Interim FTIP and Corresponding Conformity Analysis. An electronic copy of the four year financial plan will be sent via email. The Amendment #4 and Amendment #5 to the 2009 Interim FTIP is available online on the MCTC website at http://www.maderactc.org.

If you have any questions regarding this document, please contact Derek Winning at 559-675-0721.

Sincerely,

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