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Mr. Malcolm Dougherty
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Re: Approval of FY 2015/2016
Overall Work Programs

Dear Mr. Dougherty:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have reviewed FY 2015/16 Overall Work Programs (OWPs) for California Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). Based on this review and in accordance with the FHWA/FTA Memorandum of Understanding, FTA approves final OWPs from the following MPOs for FTA 49 USC Section 5303, 5304 and FHWA Metropolitan Planning (PL) funding:

- Butte (BCAG)
- Fresno (COFCG)
- Kern (KCOG)
- Kings (KCAG)
- Madera (MCTC)
- Merced (MCAG)
- Monterey (AMBAG)
- Sacramento (SACOG)
- San Diego (SANDAG)
- San Francisco (MTC)
- San Joaquin (SJCOG)
- San Luis Obispo (SLOCOG)
- Santa Barbara (SBCAG)
- Shasta (Shasta RTPA)
- Southern California (SCAG)
- Stanislaus (StanCOG)
- Tahoe (TMPO)
- Tulare (TCAG)

This approval authorizes reimbursement of metropolitan planning activities under Title 23 and Title 49. FTA's Circular 8100.1C identifies eligible grant activities. Please see Chapter II, page II-2 for a complete list. This approval is authorized only for planning-eligible activities, and not for project implementation or project oversight of non-planning tasks. Any activities funded in the OWP using other Federal program funds (STP, CMAQ, etc.) are not approved and must be submitted for authorization using the E-76 approval process.

FTA and FHWA would again like to reinforce the three Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs) of MAP-21: Transition to Performance-based Planning and Programming; Regional Models of Cooperation (ensure a regional approach to transportation planning by promoting cooperation and coordination across transit agency, MPO, and Stage boundaries); and Ladders of Opportunity (access to essential services for disadvantaged populations).

As in previous years, we ask that copies of Final OWPs be sent to FTA and FHWA as well as Caltrans by June 1st next year.

If you have any questions, please call Alex Smith, FTA Region IX, at (415) 744-2599.

Sincerely,



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All MPOs approved by this letter