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RE: Request for FSTIP Corrective Action Time Extension

Dear Muhaned Aljabiry:

On behalf of the **YOUR AGENCY HERE**, we respectfully request that Caltrans request an extension from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to comply with the Corrective Action issued in the 2021 Federal State Transportation Improvement Program dated April 15, 2021, regarding CMAQ and Urban STBG programs administration and oversight.

As you have requested, our agencies are working to develop a plan to submit for your review by February 2022, since FHWA requested a resolution be in place by October 1, 2022. As the agencies responsible for selecting projects and programming them for the Sacramento region, the deadline proposed by FHWA does not provide adequate time to develop a plan which is effective and meets all the needs of our region.

We are already working towards competitive funding awards in 2022 that would be complicated by a change in program administration and oversight for projects that would be included in the next FSTIP. Without the certainty for what the requirements are for a compliant FSTIP, the proposed deadline threatens our ability to select projects and program them to not put funds at risk. As such, we request that Caltrans request an extension on the resolution of the corrective action until October 1, 2024.

Given that Caltrans has requested that we develop a proposed solution to the Corrective Action issued to Caltrans, we hope that you will make the extension request to FHWA on behalf of Caltrans and the impacted agencies.

Sincerely,