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Re: Categorical Exclusion Request: Modifications to the East Bay BRT

## Dear Mr. Hursh:

The Federal Transit Administration has completed its review the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District's (District) Section130(c) submission, dated June 20, 2019, requesting an environmental determination for modifications to the to the District's East Bay Bus Rapid Transit (Project). Specifically, the District proposes to build the Northern Layover Facility in Central Oakland; and to modify a lane configuration; and to eliminate two traffic signals on International Boulevard and a traffic signal on 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

The Project was previously the subject of a Record of Decision that was issued by FTA on June 8, 2012. In its recent letter, the District indicated that neither the preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) nor an Environmental Assessment (EA) is necessary, in accordance with 23 CFR §§ 771.115, 771.119, and 771.130(c), as a result of the modifications to the Project.

Based on the environmental re-evaluation materials submitted and past experience with similar projects, FTA finds that the modifications: do not induce significant environmental impacts to planned growth or land use for the area; do not require the relocation of significant numbers of people; do not have a significant impact on natural, cultural, recreational, historical or other resources; do not involve significant air, noise, or water quality impacts; do not have significant impacts on travel patterns; do not result in a use or constructive use of historic or other resources within the meaning of Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act, 49 USC § 303; and do not otherwise, either individually or cumulatively, have any significant environmental impacts.

If you have any questions about this review, please contact Ms. Lucinda Eagle at (415) 734-9457.

Sincerely,

Ray Tellis Regional Administrator