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Steve Pedretti, Director El Dorado County Community Development Agency 2850 Fairlane Court Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Mr. Pedretti:

Thank you for addressing our concerns regarding the El Dorado County Travel Demand Model (EDCTDM). With the recent modifications, the EDCTDM conforms to the state-of-practice in travel demand modeling; meets overall traffic assignment validation standards suggested by FHWA and Caltrans; and is an appropriate tool for the County's long range planning purposes.

While the EDCTDM as a whole is acceptable and meets industry standards, please keep in mind when used for future specific projects, a subarea validation will be necessary for approval of traffic impact studies. Additionally, some areas of the model may exceed validation standards and/or generate unexpected outputs, which will require further model improvements and post processing to achieve acceptable results.

If you have any questions, please contact Nicholas Deal, Chief, Office of Travel Forecasting and Modeling at (530) 741-5151 or via email at nicholas.deal@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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