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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
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Attention: Federal Resources Office, MS# 82
For Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

Subject: FY 2009 FTIP Amendment No. 4 – Kern Council of Governments (KCOG)

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed the review of Amendment No. 4 to the current KCOG Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated April 21, 2009. KCOG adopted Amendment No. 4 on March 31, 2009. This amendment to KCOG's 2009 FTIP adds new projects and funds to the Regional Surface Transportation and Transit Programs that utilize American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we accept the modifications to the 2008/09 – 2011/12 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the KCOG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning published in the February 14, 2007 Federal Register. We find that the KCOG's 2008/09 FTIP, through Amendment No. 4, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out with accordance with the metropolitan planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134, and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as amended by Section 6001 of Public Law 109-59, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

We have determined that this program modification is exempt from the regional emissions analysis requirements pursuant to the transportation conformity provisions found in 40 CFR Part 93 sections 126 and 127. This finding has been coordinated with Region 9 of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the *National Memorandum of Understanding between DOT and EPA on Transportation Conformity*, dated April 25, 2000. Therefore, we find that the FTIP continues to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

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This approval is provided with the understanding that the FTA funding approval on the individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval for this KCOG FSTIP amendment, please contact Joseph Vaughn (joseph.vaughn@dot.gov) of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5346.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

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