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March 11, 2005

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Ms. Jody Jones, Director
Caltrans, District 3

Subject: Transmittal of Amendment #2 to the 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for Butte County

Dear Messrs and Messes:

The Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) has amended the 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) at its December 16, 2004 Board meeting. In addition, the California Transportation Commission amended the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) on March 3, 2005 to program this project as well. BCAG respectfully requests State and Federal approval of Amendment #2. The following summarizes Amendment #2:

Caltrans – SR 99/162 Signalization Project. The purpose of this formal amendment is to add a new project into the 2004 FTIP. The project is to signalize the intersection of SR 99 & SR 162 in Butte County to address existing safety concerns. Caltrans District 3 has proposed to fund \$827,000 in SHOPP Minor A funds with the remaining \$263,000 to be funded by BCAG with RIP funds. The total cost of the project is \$1,090,000.

This project is exempt from a regional emissions analysis per EPA's Transportation Conformity Rule Section 51.462 Exempt Projects - Table 3, Projects Exempt From Regional Emissions Analysis, "Intersection signalization projects at individual intersections."

Specific programming data is included in the CTIPS (California Transportation Improvement Program System) data printouts attached to this correspondence. In addition, you or your staff can directly access the CTIPS database and search by

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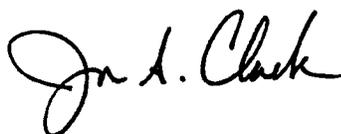
Amendment #2 for this project. This project is consistent with the adopted 2004 Butte County Regional Transportation Plan.

Amendment #2 has also been noticed in the local newspaper for review and comment and is available for review at BCAG's website at www.bcag.org or at http://www.bcag.org/planning/2004_ftip.html

We hope the information provided will assist in your review of this as well as concurrence that the project is exempt from a regional emissions analysis for air quality conformity purposes.

If you have any questions concerning this amendment, please call Mr. Iván García, Programming Manager of my staff at 530-879-2468. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Jon A. Clark
Executive Director

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Attachment 1 CTIPS Project Data Printout with MPO Approval
BCAG Board of Directors Resolution

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Butte County Association of Governments - Federal Transportation Improvement Program

(Dollars in Thousands)

State Highway System

DIST: 03	COUNTY: Butte County	TITLE (DESCRIPTION):	MPO Aprv: 12/16/2004
ROUTE: 99	PM: 13.0 / 13.2	SR 99/162 Signalization Project (Install traffic signals at the intersection of Route 99/Richvale Road/Route 162 East in Butte County. Location of intersection is about 14-Km north of Gridley.)	State Aprv: / /
PPNO: 2420	KP: 20.9 / 21.2		Federal Aprv: / /
EA: 3C2001	MPO ID:		
CTIPS ID: 102-0000-0124			
IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Caltrans		PRJ MGR: Doug Lange	EPA TABLE II or III EXEMPT CATEGORY: Intersection signalization projects.
		PHONE: (530) 741-4465	

PROJECT VERSION HISTORY (Printed Version is Shaded)

Version Status	Official Date	Updated By	Change Reason	Amend No.	Dollars in Thousands - Total For Project							
					Prog Con	Prog RW	PE					
1	Official	12/16/2004	IGARCIA	Amendment - New Project	2	657	432					
• RIP - Regional Improvement Program				PRIOR	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	BEYOND	TOTAL
• Fund Source 1 of 4				PE								
• Fund Type: State Cash				RW								
• Funding Agency: N/A				CON		30						30
				TOTAL		30						30
• RIP - Regional Improvement Program				PRIOR	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	BEYOND	TOTAL
• Fund Source 2 of 4				PE								
• Fund Type: National Hwy System				RW								
• Funding Agency: N/A				CON		233						233
				TOTAL		233						233
• Othr. State - SHOPP Funds on STIP Projects				PRIOR	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	BEYOND	TOTAL
• Fund Source 3 of 4				PE	26	5	18					50
• Fund Type: State Cash				RW								
• Funding Agency: N/A				CON		45						45
				TOTAL	26	5	63					95
• Othr. State - SHOPP Funds on STIP Projects				PRIOR	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	BEYOND	TOTAL
• Fund Source 4 of 4				PE	203	41	140					383
• Fund Type: National Hwy System				RW								
• Funding Agency: N/A				CON		349						349
				TOTAL	203	41	489					732
Project Total				PRIOR	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	BEYOND	TOTAL
				PE	229	46	158					433
				RW								
				CON		657						657
				TOTAL	229	46	815					1,090

Comments:

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Project data transferred from 2004 STIP 1.

Project Amended by BCAG on December 16, 2004. Project Amended into STIP by CTC on March 3, 2005. Project funded with SHOPP and STIP.



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**BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2004/05-04
APPROVING AMENDMENT #2 TO THE 2004 BUTTE COUNTY
FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Butte County Association of Governments is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Butte County in accordance with 23 USC 134(b)(6); and Section 450.306 of the Metropolitan and Statewide Planning Rule; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century requires the Butte County Association of Governments, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, to prepare a Transportation Improvement Program in cooperation with the State and transit operators, to include all projects to be funded under Title 23 and the Federal Transit Administration grants; and requires BCAG to prepare a long-range Regional Transportation Plan and short-range Federal Transportation Improvement Program;

WHEREAS, the Butte County Association of Governments has determined that the project described in Attachment 1 is exempt from an air quality conformity analysis and determination per EPA's Transportation Conformity Rule Section 51.462, Table 3, indicating that Intersection signalization projects at individual intersections are exempt from a regional emissions analysis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Butte County Association of Governments has prepared and approved Amendment #2 to 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program in accordance with the Transportation Conformity Rule requirements applicable to Butte County and determine that the projects are consistent with the policies, goals and objectives of the adopted 2001 Regional Transportation Plan. Based on this analysis, the Butte County 2001 Regional Transportation Plan and the Butte County 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, including amendments, conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) and all applicable sections of the EPA's Transportation Conformity Rule.

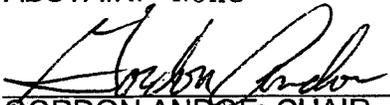
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Butte County Association of Governments on this 16th day of December 2004 by the following vote:

AYES: White, Dolan, Houx, Andoe, Josiassen, Gruendl, Yamaguchi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Beeler, Paul-Busch, Cook

ABSTAIN: None



GORDON ANDOE, CHAIR
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
ATTEST:


JON A. CLARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS