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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
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Attention: Ross A. Chittenden, Division of Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: Kern Council of Governments' 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 11

We, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), have completed our review of the Kern Council of Governments' (KCOG) 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 11 submitted by your letter dated February 22, 2006. The amendment includes changes to the state and local elements of the FTIP.

In accordance with 23 CFR 450 and the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we approve this amendment. We find that the amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The approved changes made to the FTIP by this amendment do not result in the need to make a conformity determination. Therefore, we find that the FTIP continues to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of KCOG's 2004 FTIP Amendment No. 11, into California's 2004/2005 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. However, this approval does not constitute project eligibility determinations for any of the projects in this amendment.

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If you have any questions regarding this action, please call Mayela Sosa with the FHWA at (916) 498-5022 or Paul Page with the FTA at (415) 744-2734.

Sincerely,

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