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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 Amendments No. 14 and 15

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has completed its review of the Kern Council of Governments' (KCOG) 2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendments No. 14 and 15 submitted by your letters dated July 10, 2006. The amendments include 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 these amendments. We find that the amendments were 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 these amendments 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 Amendments No. 14 and 15, 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 the amendments.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please call Mayela Sosa with the FHWA at (916) 498-5022.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Mayela Sosa*

For
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