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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry, Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: Kern Council of Governments' 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 2

We have completed our review of the Kern Council of Governments' (KCOG) 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 2 submitted by your letter dated February 7, 2005. KCOG adopted this amendment on January 20, 2005, and it addresses changes to projects from the State Transportation Improvement Program and Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program.

Pursuant to 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 in accordance with 23 CFR 450. We also 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 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. 2 into California's 2004/2005 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Mayela Sosa

For
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Division Administrator



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