

**Kern Council
of Governments**

October 26, 2004

Ms. Rachel Falsetti, Chief
Transportation Programming, MS 82
Office of Federal Transportation Management Program
P.O. Box 924874
Sacramento, California 94274-0001

Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry

Re: Amendment No. 1 to the 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Mr. Aljabiry:

Enclosed for your review and approval is a copy of Amendment No. 1 to the 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program requested by the Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG). Kern COG, at a regularly scheduled meeting held on October 21, 2004, adopted Amendment No. 1 to the 2004 FTIP. Also enclosed is an executed copy of the authorizing resolution, Resolution # 04-29, a signed conformity statement and amendment report. Projects in this amendment have been through the MPO approval process in the CTIPS database.

Amendment No. 1 to the 2004 FTIP includes the introduction of three new projects to the Regional Surface Transportation Program and Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (Non-Transit) Program of Projects.

REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

On January 15, 2004 the Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) Board signed an MOU addressing the need for a Regional Traffic Count Program. The MOU is between the City of Bakersfield, County of Kern, Caltrans District 6, and Kern COG. The ultimate goal of the program is to provide more consistent and frequent count data and to eliminate duplication of effort in counting programs between the member jurisdictions and Caltrans.

- Regional Traffic Count Program is to be programmed for \$90,000 a year for fiscal years 04/05, 05/06, and 06/07. The funding recommended is for \$239,031 in RSTP dollars and a local match of \$30,969. The local match amount is to be provided by Kern COG. Please see Attachment A for details.

CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (Non-Transit) PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

On September 19, 2002, Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) approved Amendment No.1 to the 2002 FTIP. This amendment addressed the need to program a Kern COG Outreach Project that partially fulfilled a Reasonably Available Control Measure (RACM) Commitment. Kern COG and the County of Kern agreed to postpone a Norris Rd. Project and fund the

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Outreach Project for \$100,000 in the CMAQ Program. The Kern COG Board agreed to this request with the understanding that the remainder of the Outreach Project and the Norris Rd. Project were to be programmed when funding became available.

- Kern Council of Governments' Public Outreach Program is to be programmed for \$140,000 to fulfill the RACM commitment required to be completed by October 2005. The funding recommended is for \$123,942 in CMAQ dollars and a local match of \$16,058. The local match amount is to be provided by Kern COG. Please see Attachment A for details.
- County of Kern's Norris Road Project is to be programmed for \$100,000 to cover the funding that was previously "borrowed" by the Kern COG Public Outreach Program. The funding recommended is for \$88,530 in CMAQ and a local match of \$11,470. This project has been identified as a RACM required to be completed by October 2005. Please see Attachment A for details.

Should you have any questions about this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Raquel Carabajal at (661)861-2191 or rcarabajal@kerncog.org.

Sincerely,



RONALD E. BRUMMETT,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Enclosures

CC: Doug Ito, ARB
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 Diane Eidam, CTC
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 Caltrans, Div. Of Programs (4 copies)

BEFORE THE KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN

Resolution No. 04-29
In the matter of:

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE 2004 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) is a Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); and

WHEREAS, the MPO is required to develop, maintain and endorse the 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) with a Biannual Program of Projects for federal funding assistance; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 FTIP for the Kern region is a six-year schedule of multi modal transportation project improvements of major freeways, expressways, arterials, urban collectors, bikeways, transit, rail and aviation facilities; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain a current and up-to-date 2004 FTIP, amendments and minor adjustments are required from time to time; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 1 to the 2004 FTIP is consistent with elements of the Destination 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (2030 RTP); and

WHEREAS, the 2004 FTIP, prepared by the Kern Council of Governments, is financially constrained and reflects state guidelines and regulation requiring the preparation of a TIP in the urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, the projects contained in this amendment have no effect on the air quality conformity analysis or funding; and

WHEREAS, the Amendment No. 1 to 2004 FTIP is consistent with the State Implementation Plan (SIP); and

WHEREAS, the Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) has an adopted Public Involvement Procedures and Policies; and

WHEREAS, the document has been made available for review by residents of Kern County through an advertised public hearing as prescribed in the Kern COG Public Involvement Procedures and Policies; and

WHEREAS, this amendment was circulated and reviewed by the member agencies of the Kern Council of Governments, representing their technical and management staffs, and representatives of other governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Kern Council of Governments is the state recognized clearinghouse (Executive Order 12372) for this area and the aforementioned formal review shall constitute the official clearinghouse process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Kern COG amends the 2004 FTIP as follows:

Amendment No. 1 to the 2004 FTIP will amend the 1) Regional Surface Transportation Program of Projects; and 2) Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (Non-Transit) Program of Projects. All changes are shown in the attachment to and made a part of this Resolution No. 04-29 by this reference.

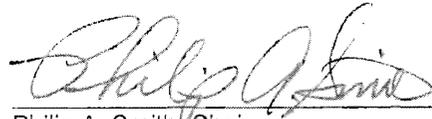
AUTHORIZED AND SIGNED THIS 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2004.

AYES: Olivares, Couch, Lessenevitch, Rosson, Nelson, Hatch, Smith, Wegman,
Watson, McCuen, Silver

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

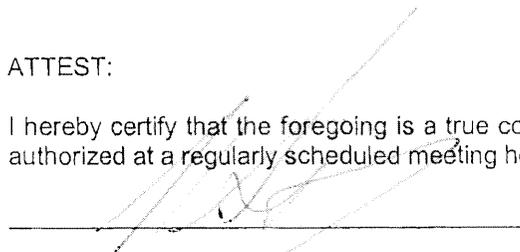
ABSENT: Armendariz, Throop, Carter,
McQuiston, Shelton



Philip A. Smith, Chair
Kern Council of Governments

ATTEST:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Kern Council of Governments duly authorized at a regularly scheduled meeting held on the 21st day of October 2004.



Ronald E. Brummett, Executive Director
Kern Council of Governments

Date: 102104



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CONFORMITY DETERMINATION

All agencies having projects in Amendment No. 1 to the 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program have made a finding that... "these projects will not increase capacity and will not affect the outcome of any regional emissions analysis nor will they add substance to this analysis." The Kern Council of Governments concurs in this finding.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald E. Brummett", written over a horizontal line.

Ronald E. Brummett,
Executive Director
Kern Council of Governments

Date: 10/25/04

