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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Kern Council of Governments' (KCOG) 2004/05-2008/09 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

- | <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 9 | <p>State Highway Element</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modifies and adds various federally funded earmark projects located in the Bakersfield area. Funding is for preliminary engineering, environmental studies and construction activities. See enclosure.• Delays preliminary engineering funding from FY 2004/05 to 2005/06 for one State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project in Bakersfield using the Surface Transportation Program funds. See enclosure• Delays construction from FY 2004/05 to 2005/06 for one STIP project north of Bakersfield. See enclosure. <p>Transit Element</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This amendment makes a technical correction to the project description funded from the Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funds. There is no change in scope for this project. See enclosure. <p>Local Element</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This amendment adds construction funding in FY 2005/06 for a Hazard Elimination Safety lump sum project. Projects are non-capacity increasing. See enclosure. |

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 9 for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are shown for information.

The updated programming is for project types that have been found by the KCOG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. This FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

The changes are included and submitted by KCOG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS).

Please address any questions on this amendment to Penny Gray of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

- c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Ronald E. Brummett - Kern Council of Governments
- Raquel Carabajal - Kern Council of Governments
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