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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 Kings County Association of Governments' (KCAG) 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
4	<p>State Element</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modifies the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the Route 198 Expressway. This amendment revises the project description to segment the project into two separate projects. Prior year funding has been moved to Fiscal Year (FY) 2005/06 for right-of-way in Segment 1. Segment 2 contains only prior year funds. See enclosure.

Amendment No. 3 dated September 22, 2005, initially contained the Route 198 Expressway project (CTIPS ID #116-0000-0063). However, that project was excluded from Federal Highway Administration approval action of that amendment. As a result, the project is now being submitted as Amendment No. 4.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 4 for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only. Please note that approval of this amendment does not constitute eligibility determination for the projects from this amendment that are funded from CMAQ program.

The conformity determination for this non-exempt project relied on the previous emissions analysis for the federally approved 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and FTIP in accordance with 40 CFR 93.122(g). All requirements of the Transportation Conformity Rule have been satisfied. This amendment does not interfere with the timely implementation of transportation control measures. 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. These projects are included and submitted by KCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. KCAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

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

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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- Terry King - Kings County Association of Governments
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