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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
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Attention: Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: FY 2004/05 FSTIP Amendment No. 9 – Stanislaus Council of Governments
(StanCOG)

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of Amendment No. 9 to the StanCOG's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated February 3, 2006. StanCOG adopted this amendment with Resolution No. 05-08 on November 16, 2005, approving these program modifications and reaffirming the conformity of the StanCOG FTIP with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

This amendment was requested by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to modify, add or delete various projects in Stanislaus County. The amendment includes projects with funding from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program, the Regional Surface Transportation Program, and the Recreational Trails Program.

We accept this amendment in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 450. We find that this amendment was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. section 134, and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. §1607). Based on our review, we find that changes made to the StanCOG FTIP by this amendment do not require new emissions modeling because they include projects determined to be the types listed in 40 CFR 93.126 & 127 as being exempt from any regional emissions analysis. Therefore, we find this FTIP to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).



This finding has been coordinated with the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and is provided in accordance with the procedures outlined on the Memorandum of Understanding between the FHWA, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Region IX, dated July 15, 2004, on Roles and Responsibilities for Multi-mode Amendments. This approval is provided with the understanding that approval of this programming action does not provide a federal eligibility determination for CMAQ funded projects included in this amendment.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of the StanCOG's FTIP Amendment No. 9 into California's 2004/05 – 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Mr. Leigh Levine of the FHWA, California Division office at (916) 498-5034, or Mr. Alex Smith of the FTA, Region IX office at (415) 744-2599.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

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