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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 Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
5	<p>Local, and Transit Element</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds, modifies or deletes projects in Tulare County. The projects include funding from the Highway Bridge Replacement Rehabilitation (HBRR), Safe Route to Schools (SR2S) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5311 program. See enclosure

This amendment updates TCAG's HBRR programming to make it consistent with the HBRR project listing provided by Caltrans.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 5 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 only.

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The updated programming is for project types that have been found by the TCAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. This FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. These projects are included and submitted by TCAG 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. TCAG 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 Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,



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Chief

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Enclosures

- c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- George Finney - Tulare County Association of Governments
- Ted Smalley - Tulare County Association of Governments
- Rachel Falsetti
- Abhijit Bagde