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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

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Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Kern Council of Governments' (KCOG) 2006/07 - 2008/09 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	<p>State and Local Elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modifies funding for the State Highway and Operations Protection Program (SHOPP) lump-sum Collision Reduction Air Quality Exempt Grouped Projects by programming an additional \$543,000 (\$481,000 in SHOPP Advanced Construction, \$62,000 in state cash) for preliminary engineering and \$1,171,000 (\$1,037,000 in SHOPP Advanced Construction, \$134,000 in state cash) for construction in Fiscal Year (FY) 2006/07 for a Lake Isabella metal beam guardrail project. See enclosed SHOPP lump-sum listing. • Modifies funding for 12 Projects of National and Regional Significance/National Corridor Infrastructure Improvement Program projects by moving the environmental only programming from prior year (FY 2005/06) to FY 2006/07. The programming is within the year-to-year availability for these types of funds. See enclosed for specific project listing. • Modifies funding for the construction phase of the State Route 178 at Fairfax Interchange project by increasing the federal National Corridor Infrastructure Improvement Program funds by \$20,300,000 and local transportation funds by \$2,153,000 in FY 2006/07. • Advances the right-of-way phase from FY 2007/08 to FY 2006/07 for the State Route 46 Expressway Segment 1 project.

- Modifies the Grouped Project Listing for Section 130 Railroad Grade Crossing Protection Program projects by programming \$1,000,000 (\$885,000 in federal Section 130 funds and \$115,000 in state cash) for two projects in FY 2007/08.
- Programs \$637,000 (\$573,000 of federal Hazard Elimination Safety (HES) funds and \$64,000 of local transportation funds) in FY 2006/07 and \$319,000 (\$287,000 of federal HES and \$32,000 of local transportation funds) in FY 2007/08 for the HES Grouped Project Listing.
- Modifies the schedule and funding for various projects funded with regional surface transportation program funds. All projects are for streets and roads projects for resurfacing, reconstruction, or rehabilitation. See enclosed for project detail.
- Modifies the schedule, funding, or description for various Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program projects. See enclosed for project detail.
- Moves \$1,090,000 (\$640,000 Transportation Enhancements, and \$450,000 of local transportation funds) in construction from FY 2005/06 to FY 2006/07 for a Bakersfield streetscape improvement project.

Transit Element – Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grants:

- Programs \$340,000 (\$272,000 in FTA Section 5307 (Large Urban Cities) funds, and \$68,000 in local transportation funds) in FY 2006/07 for 13 relief vehicles for the Golden Empire Transit (GET).
- Programs \$105,000 (\$84,000 in FTA Section 5307 funds, and \$21,000 in local transportation funds) in FY 2006/07 for bus replacement mirrors for GET.
- Programs \$21,000 (\$17,000 in FTA Section 5307 funds, and \$4,000 in local transportation funds) in FY 2006/07 for shop equipment for GET.
- Programs \$50,000 (\$40,000 in FTA Section 5307 funds, and \$10,000 in local transportation funds) in FY 2006/07 for facility repairs for GET.
- Programs \$50,000 (\$44,000 in FTA Section 5310, Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities, and \$6,000 in local transportation funds) in FY 2006/07 for the purchase of buses and mobile radios for the Bakersfield Association for Retarded Citizens (BARC).

- Programs \$62,000 (\$54,000 in FTA Section 5310 funds, and \$8,000 in local transportation funds) in FY 2006/07 for the purchase of large replacement buses and mobile radios for Desert Area Research Training (DART).
- Programs \$50,000 (\$44,000 in FTA Section 5310 funds, and \$6,000 in local transportation funds) in FY 2006/07 for the purchase of small replacement buses and mobile radios for DART.
- Programs \$12,000 (\$11,000 in FTA Section 5310 funds, and \$1,000 in local transportation funds) in FY 2006/07 for the purchase of computer equipment for DART.
- Programs \$13,000 (\$12,000 in FTA Section 5310 funds, and \$1,000 in local transportation funds) in FY 2006/07 for the purchase of shop equipment for DART.
- Programs \$89,000 (\$79,000 in FTA Section 5310 funds, and \$10,000 in local transportation funds) in FY 2006/07 for the purchase of mini vans and mobile radios for DART.
- Programs \$280,000 (\$248,000 in FTA Section 5310 funds, and \$32,000 in local transportation funds) in FY 2006/07 for the purchase of five medium replacement buses for New Advances for People with Disabilities (NAPD).
- Programs \$16,000 (\$14,000 in FTA Section 5310 funds, and \$2,000 in local transportation funds) in FY 2006/07 for the purchase of a lift for NAPD.
- Programs \$96,000 (\$85,000 in FTA Section 5310 funds, and \$11,000 in local transportation funds) in FY 2006/07 for the purchase of two small replacement buses for NAPD.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No.2 for inclusion into California's 2006/07 - 2008/09 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this amendment conform to the applicable State Implementation Plans, do not interfere with the timely implementation of any approved Transportation Control Measures, and meet all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 450. These projects have been determined to be exempt from conformity per 40 CFR 93.126 and 40 CFR 93.127; therefore, no further conformity determination is required. Please note that the approval of this amendment does not constitute eligibility determination for the projects from this amendment that are funded from the CMAQ program.

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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. These projects are included and submitted by KCOG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

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.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. KCOG 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

- c: Karina O'Connor - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
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- Ronald E. Brummett, Executive Director, KCOG
- Rachel Falsetti - Caltrans
- Penny Gray - Caltrans (w/enclosure)