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Attention: Sue Kiser

Attention: 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) 2006/07 - 2009/10 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No.    Description

**3    State, Local and Transit Elements**

- Adds, deletes, or modifies various projects from various funding programs in Kern County. The amendment includes projects with funding from the following programs: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ), Highway Bridge, and State Highway Operations and Protection.
- Also adds fourth year, Fiscal Year (FY) 2009/10, programming to KCOG's FTIP in compliance with the requirements of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users.

See enclosure.

I also recommend that the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP amendment number 3 for inclusion into California's 2007 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). The updated financial summary also includes the financial information for FY 2009/10 of programming. Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years not within the four-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 KCOG Board Resolution adopting this FTIP amendment certifies that projects included: 1) conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan, 2) meet all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 450, 3) meet the transportation conformity regulations per 40 CFR 93.122 or 40 CFR 92.126 for exempt projects, 4) are financially constrained, and 5) meet the requirements of a project selection process and public involvement procedures.

Please note that the approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination for the projects that are funded from the CMAQ program.

Projects included in this FTIP amendment are 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.

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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- Penny Gray – Caltrans (w/enclosure)