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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 Merced County Association of Governments' (MCAG) 2006/07-2010/11 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
3	State Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adds \$4,150,000 to the State Highway Operation and Protection Program grouped project listing for increased construction costs in 2006/07. Refer to CTIPS# 205-0000-0127.

See enclosure.

I also recommend that the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 3 for inclusion into California's 2006/07 - 2008/09 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.

The changes being proposed to the FTIP by this amendment have been found by MCAG as exempt and do not require conformity analysis or determination. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State

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Implementation Plan. 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. Please note that the approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination for the projects that are funded from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. MCAG 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 Cathy Gomes, of my staff, at (916) 654-3271.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

- c: Karina O'Connor - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Lisa Hanf – EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Jesse B. Brown (Executive Director) – MCAG
- Terri Lewis – MCAG
- Rachel Falsetti – Caltrans
- Cathy Gomes – Caltrans