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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) 2006/07 - 2008/09 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
3	<p>Transit Element</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modifies the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Transportation for Elderly Persons and persons with Disabilities Grant program, by programming three projects in Fiscal Year (FY) 2006/07. These projects are for the Porterville Sheltered Work program to purchase buses with wheelchair lifts.

Local Element

- Modifies the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) by moving \$17,000 of CMAQ funds, and \$3,000 of local funds for the purchase of two gas electric hybrid vehicles for the City of Dinuba from FY 2005/06 to FY 2006/07. It should be noted that this project was obligated during FY 2005/06. Issues with this project concerned expenditure. As a result, the requested amendment is not necessary.

See Enclosures.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 3, with the exclusion of the City of Dinuba CMAQ project, for inclusion into California's 2006/07 - 2008/09 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). 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.

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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.

The updated programming has been found by TCAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations, and satisfy the requirements of 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 93.126. As a result, no additional conformity determination is needed. The projects also conform to the applicable State Implementation Plans and meet all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450, and do not interfere with the timely implementation of any approved Transportation Control Measures and maintain the financial constraint of the 2007 FTIP. These projects are included and submitted by TCAG 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.

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 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)
- Lisa Hanf- EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Ted Smalley, Deputy Executive Director, TCAG
- Rachel Falsetti - Caltrans
- Penny Gray - Caltrans