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Attention: Federal Resources Office, M.S. 82
For Muhaned Aljabiry, Division of Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Scherzinger:

SUBJECT: Kern Council of Government's (KCOG) Amendment No. 12 to the 2010/2011 –
2013/14 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed the review of Amendment No. 12 to the Kern Council of Governments' (KCOG) Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated May 18, 2012. This amendment to KCOG's FTIP:

- Adds or modifies individual and grouped projects in Kern County. It includes projects with funding from the Surface Transportation Program, the Surface Transportation Improvement Program, the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program and local funds.

Pursuant to the July 18, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we accept the modifications to the 2010/11 – 2013/14 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the KCOG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning published in the February 14, 2007 Federal Register. We find that KCOG's FSTIP, through Amendment No. 12, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the metropolitan planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. 184, and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as amended by Section 6001 of Public Law 109-59, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

This finding has been coordinated with EPA Region 9 in accordance with the procedures outlined in the *National Memorandum of Understanding between DOT and EPA on Transportation Conformity*, dated April 25, 2000. Therefore, we find that KCOG's 2011 FTIP Amendment No. 12 conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

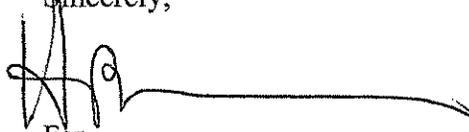
This approval is provided with the understanding that the FTA funding approval on the individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements, and that approval of this programming action does not provide a federal eligibility determination for CMAQ projects or any other project funding source included in this amendment.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval for this KCOG FTIP amendment, please contact Joseph Vaughn (Joseph.Vaughn@dot.gov) of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5346.

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vincent P. Mammano', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

For
Vincent P. Mammano
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