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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

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Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has completed the review of the following amendment to the Merced County Association of Governments' (MCAG) 2010/11 – 2013/14 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No.	Description
5	**State and Local Elements** • This amendment revises existing projects and adds new projects in the MCAG region funded from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program and local transportation funds. See enclosures.

The MCAG Board Resolution adopting this FTIP amendment certifies that the amendment is financially constrained, does not change air quality conformity, and meets the requirements of public involvement procedures adopted by MCAG.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Director of Caltrans, I approve MCAG's Amendment Number 5. I also recommend that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP amendment for inclusion into California's 2011 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of projects for federal funding.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Lima Huy of my staff, at (916) 651-7411.

Sincerely,

RACHEL FALSETTI
Chief
Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

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