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Attention: Sue Kiser

Attention: Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) transmits Amendment #15 to the California 2010-2014 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for your review and approval. This amendment adds four new projects and modifies two existing projects in the rural, non-Metropolitan Planning Organization portion of the State.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
15	State and Local Elements

- State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) – Adds three new projects and modifies one project totaling \$11.2 million to the Roadway Preservation grouped project listing and thirty projects totaling \$115.6 million to the Emergency Response grouped project listing.
- SR-49 Mountain Ranch Road Intersection and Roadway Project – Programs \$74,000 of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program and local funds for preliminary engineering phase of this project.
- Local Route 99 Overlay Project – Programs \$2.38 million of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds for preliminary engineering and construction phases of this project.
- Preservation and Accessibility of Kennedy Trailing Wheel #4 Project – Programs \$677,000 of STIP Transportation Enhancement and local funds for preliminary engineering and construction phases of this project.

Transit Elements

- Federal Transit Administration 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program – Programs a new Grouped Project for FTA 5311(f). This grouped listing includes three new projects totaling \$451,000 to purchase buses and operating equipment for transit vehicles.

See enclosure

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approve this Amendment #15 for inclusion into California's 2011 FSTIP.

Based upon correspondence from FHWA dated May 27, 2008, projects in non-metropolitan isolated non-attainment areas of the State do not need to meet project conformity to be included in the FSTIP. However, such projects must comply with project level conformity requirements when a Federal action such as a National Environmental Protection Agency decision or obligation of funds, is taken on the project.

This amendment was made available for public review and comment from September 20 through October 5, 2011. One public comment was received. The response to that comment is enclosed and revisions have been incorporated in this amendment package. The financial impact of this amendment is compatible with the anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and does not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. An updated financial summary table is provided for this amendment. In addition, there are no projects in this amendment that are included in any other amendment that is currently open for public review.

Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years beyond the four-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only. These projects are included and submitted by Caltrans through the California Transportation Improvement Program System.

Please note that the approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of projects for federal funding.

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Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Lilibeth Green of my staff, at (916) 654-3521

Sincerely,



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Chief

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Enclosures

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