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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
for Garland Hagen

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: SBCAG 1996/97 FTIP AMENDMENT No. 1

We have completed our review of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' (SBCAG's) Amendment Number 1 to its 1996/97 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) submitted with your letter dated January 10, 1997. We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 as revised by the Metropolitan Planning Rule issued October 28, 1993 and effective November 29, 1993.

We find that this SBCAG TIP was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC App 1607). The projects included in this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed (40 CFR Sect. 93.134).

This finding has been coordinated with the Regional Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Region Nine office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode TIP amendments (dated March 8, 1996).

This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of SBCAG's TIP Amendment No. 1 into California's 1998-99 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Sincerely,

Diane R. Teece

For
David H. Densmore
Division Administrator