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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
For Kris Balaji, Transportation Programming

SUBJECT: **FY 2002/03 to 2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program; SBCAG FTIP Amendments #6 & 7**

Dear Mr. Morales:

We have completed our review of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) 2002/03 to 2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendments # 6 and 7, as requested by your letters of April 25, 2003 and May 1, 2003, respectively.

We find that these SBCAG FTIP amendments were developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 &135, 49 USC 5303-5305, and 23CFR 450. The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR Section 93.126 and/or Section 93.127]. As required by 40 CFR parts 51 and 93, the projects included in this amendment are found to conform in accordance with Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act as amended by 42 USC 7504, 7506(c) and (d). Moreover, this amendment has been coordinated with the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This letter constitutes approval, and inclusion of SBCAG's TIP Amendments # 6 and 7 into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), with the understanding that the eligibility of individual projects is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all FTA and FHWA administrative requirements. This approval is based on the Department of Transportation/Caltrans assurance that the funding for this amendment does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

If you have any questions regarding this determination, please do not hesitate to contact Sandra Balmir of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Office at (213) 202-3953 and/or Donna Turchie at the Federal Transit Administration at (415) 744-2737.

Sincerely,

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