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August 29, 2003

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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Mr. Leslie T. Rogers
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Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) amendments for the various Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) as listed in the attachment. These amendments were adopted by the MPO policy boards on or before August 1, 2003.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration approve these FTIP amendments for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in these FTIPs in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of these FTIP amendments and are shown for information only.

The updated programming has been found by the respective MPOs not to require conformity analysis since the projects included in these amendments have either been included in the most recent regional emission analysis or are exempt from conformity determination requirements. Therefore, this FTIP Amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The MPOs prepared these FTIP amendments under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

JIM NICHOLAS
Chief
Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
Barbara Goodwin - Council of Fresno County of Governments
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Jim Sims - Southern California Association of Governments
Rosemary Ayala - Southern California Association of Governments
Julia E. Greene - San Joaquin Council of Governments
Diane Nguyen Grindall - San Joaquin Council of Governments
Gary Dickson - Stanislaus Council of Governments
Vince Angelino - Stanislaus Council of Governments
George Finney - Tulare County Association of Governments
Ted Smalley - Tulare County Association of Governments
Phillip Dow – Mendocino Council of Governments
Dan Little – Shasta County RTPA
Abhijit Bagde - Caltrans

FTIP AMENDMENT SUMMARY:

MPO	AMEND. NO.	ELEMENT	DESCRIPTION	MPO BOARD APPROVAL DATE	Requires AQ Conformity Approval
SHASTA	1	Local/State	Modifies SHOPP Lump Sum, Modifies projects per STIP	7/22/2003	no
SJCOG	16	Local/Transit	Add/Delete projects - TEA Beautification	7/25/2003	yes
SCAG	4	Local/State	Scenic Byways Program, State Hwy projects	7/28/2003	yes
SCAG	7	Var	Add/delete/modofy various projects	7/31/2003	yes
STANCOG	7	State/Local/ Transit	Adds or modifies various projects in Stanislaus County. The projects include CMAQ and Safe Route to Schools (SR2S) program funds	1/8/2003	no
STANCOG	10	Local	Adds or modifies various projects in Stanislaus County. The projects include CMAQ program funds	5/14/2003	no
STANCOG	13	Local	Modifies various projects in Stanislaus County. The projects include CMAQ program funds	7/9/2003	no
STANCOG	14	Local	Modifies various projects in Stanislaus County. The projects include Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds	7/9/2003	no
TCAG	6	State/Local	Adds or modifies various projects in Tulare County. The projects include Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program funds, STP funds and Traffic Congestion Relief (TCRP) funds	4/16/2003	yes
TCAG	7	State/Local	Adds or modifies various projects in Tulare County. The projects include CMAQ program funds	6/17/2003	yes
TCAG	8	Local	Modifies description of three projects in Tulare County. The projects include Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) program funds	7/21/2003	yes
COFCG	22	Var	AC overlay LS, FTA5311, Transfer CMAQ to LS's	7/31/2003	no