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Mr. Jeff Morales, Director
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Attention: Kris Balaji, Transportation Programming, MS 82

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: San Joaquin Council of Governments' (SJCOG) FTIP Amendments No. 14 and 16

We have completed our review of the San Joaquin Council of Governments' (SJCOG) 2002/2003 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendments No. 14 and 16. Amendment No. 14 was submitted by your letter dated July 31, 2003, and was adopted by SJCOG on July 25, 2003. Amendment No. 16 was submitted by your letter dated August 29, 2003, and was adopted by the SJCOG on July 25, 2003. The Federal Transit Administration will process Amendment No. 15, which was also included in your July, 31, 2003, letter.

We approve Amendments No. 14 and 16 in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that the amendments were developed based on a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The changes made to the program by these amendments do not result in the need to make a conformity determination. Therefore, we find that the FTIP continues to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of SJCOG's FTIP Amendments No. 14 and 16 into California's 2002/2003 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Sincerely,

For
Gary N. Hamby
Division Administrator