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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Butte County Association of Governments' (BCAG) 2004/5-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No.	Description
7	**State Element** • Modifies funding for a State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project in Butte County. The amendment programs a total of $5,356,000 for the Right of Way phase in Fiscal Year (FY) 2004/05 for "State Route 149 four-lane Expressway Project (MPO ID: 702093)" in Butte County. See enclosure. • Programs "State Route 70 at Georgia Way/Pacific Heights Signalization Project" in Butte County. The amendment programs a total of $750,000 in FY 2004/05 to install a traffic signal and to provide left-turn channelization at the intersection. See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 7 for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only.

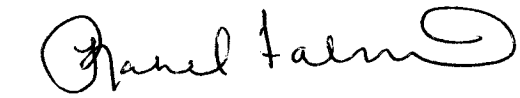
The updated programming has been found by BCAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan.

The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by BCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS).

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. BCAG prepared this FTIP amendment 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,



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Enclosures

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