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Re: FY 2004/05 to 2005/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program; SBCAG Highway and Transit FSTIP Amendment #7 and #8

Attention: Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the Santa Barbara Association of Governments (SBCAG) 2004/05 to 2004/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment #7 and # 8, as requested by your letter of May 13, 2005, and May 18, 2005. This SCAG FTIP amendment includes various highway and transit projects with various sources of funds.

We find SBCAG's FTIP Amendment #7 and #8 was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23USC 134 &135, 49 USC 5303-5305, and 23CFR450. California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) assures this amendment has met the financial constraint requirements included in our transportation planning regulations, i.e. 23 CFR 450.324(e).

We have determined that the program modifications in Amendments #7 and #8 are exempt from the regional emissions analysis requirements pursuant to the transportation conformity provisions found in 40 CFR Part 93 sections 126 and 127. This finding has been coordinated with Region 9 of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the National Memorandum of Understanding between the USDOT and the EPA on Transportation Conformity, dated April 25, 2000. Therefore, we find that the FTIP continues to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This letter constitutes approval of this amendment. The SBCAG FTIP Amendment # 7 and #8 is approved and included into California's 2004/05-06/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP); with the understanding 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 Caltran's assurance 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 Ms. Grace S. Balmir, of the FHWA Los Angeles Metropolitan Office, at (213) 202-3953 or Ms. Donna Turchie, of the FTA at (415) 744-2737.

Sincerely

/s/ Mayela Sosa

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