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Ms. Rachel Falsetti,  
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**SUBJECT: MCAG FY 2012/13-2015/16 FTIP Amendment # 17**

Attn: Muhaned Aljabiry

Dear Ms. Falsetti:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed the review of Amendment # 17 to the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) FY 2012/13-2015/16 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), that was submitted by your letter dated February 21, 2014. MCAG Amendment # 17 was adopted by the MCAG Board with Resolution No. 2013/03-21-04 on February 20, 2014. This amendment to MCAG's 2013 FTIP programs the following new Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) projects:

- **(205-0000-0225): CMAQ:** In Merced. Sidewalk Infill on El Redondo, Compass Pointe, Collins, and R: CMAQ will fund both the Preliminary Engineering and Construction in current FFY 2013/14 for the sidewalk infill project (construct missing sidewalk, some curb and gutter, some paving infill and storm drain connection, and ADA ramp) in North Merced. Total project cost = \$430,640 (CMAQ = \$381,245; City = \$49,395);
- **(205-0000-0226): CMAQ:** In Merced. Sidewalk Infill on Carol Ave Btwn. SR-140 & Motel Drive: CMAQ will fund both the Preliminary Engineering and Construction in current FFY 2013/14 for the sidewalk infill of Carol Avenue (construct missing sidewalk, two ADA ramps, and 25 driveway approaches btwn. south of SR-140 & north of Motel Drive). Total project cost will = \$516,780 (CMAQ = \$457,505; City = \$59,275);
- **(205-0000-0227): CMAQ:** In Merced. Sidewalk Infill on Buena Vista Dr. Btwn. SR-59 & R Street: CMAQ will be programmed for Preliminary Engineering (CMAQ = \$5,311; City match = \$689) in current FFY 2013/14, and funding for Construction (construct missing sidewalk and driveway approaches) will be programmed in FFY 2017/18. Total project cost = \$235,620 (CMAQ = \$208,594; City = \$27,026);
- **(205-0000-0228): CMAQ:** In Merced. Right-Turn Channelization on Southbound SR-59

Approaching 16th Street: CMAQ will be programmed for Preliminary Engineering (CMAQ = \$30,985; City match = \$4,015) in current FFY 2013/14, and funding for Construction (extending right-turn lane) will be programmed in FFY 2017/18. Total project cost = \$250,000 (CMAQ = \$221,325; City = \$28,675);

• **(205-0000-0229): CMAQ:** In Merced. Sidewalk Infill on Oleander Ave Btwn. Alexander Ave & Olive Ave: CMAQ will be programmed for Preliminary Engineering (CMAQ = \$12,810; City match = \$1,660) in current FFY 2013/14, and funding for Construction (construct missing sidewalk, driveway approaches, and ADA ramps) will be programmed in FFY 2016/17. Total project cost = \$75,300 (CMAQ = \$66,663; City = \$8,637);

• **(205-0000-0230): CMAQ:** In Merced. Sidewalk Infill on Alexander Ave Btwn. Bel Air Dr & Nottingham Ln: CMAQ will be programmed for Preliminary Engineering (CMAQ = \$59,218; City match = \$7,673) in current FFY 2013/14, and funding for Construction (construct missing sidewalk, driveway approaches, and ADA ramps) will be programmed in FFY 2017/18. Total project cost = \$441,991 (CMAQ = \$391,294; City = \$50,697);

• **(205-0000-0231): CMAQ:** In Merced. New Traffic Signal at SR-59 & 16th Street: CMAQ will be programmed for Preliminary Engineering (CMAQ = \$67,500; City match = \$8,745) in current FFY 2013/14, and funding for Construction will be programmed in FFY 2017/18. Total project cost = \$524,745 (CMAQ = \$464,556; City = \$60,189);

• **(205-0000-0232): CMAQ:** In South Dos Palos. Sidewalk Infill on 5th Street, Lexington Ave, 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Adobe Street, and L Street: CMAQ will be programmed for Preliminary Engineering (CMAQ = \$59,228; City match = \$7,674) in current FFY 2013/14, and funding for Construction (5th Street: L Street to K Street; Lexington Ave: Santa Fe Grade to L Street; 4th Street: Santa Fe Grade to L Street; Adobe Street: Santa Fe Grade to L Street; L Street: Adobe Street to 4th Street) will be programmed in FFY 2016/17. Total project cost = \$374,651 (CMAQ = \$331,678; City = \$42,973);

• **(205-0000-0233): CMAQ:** In Planada. Sidewalk Infill on Stanford Ave, Gage Street, and Brodrick Ave: CMAQ will be programmed for Preliminary Engineering (CMAQ = \$58,502; City match = \$7,580) in current FFY 2013/14, and funding for Construction (Stanford Ave: Gage Street to Santa Fe Ave; Gage Street: Stanford Ave to SR-140; Brodrick Ave: Fremont Street to Mills Street) will be programmed in FFY 2017/18. Total project cost = \$370,062 (CMAQ = \$327,615; City = \$42,447);

• **(205-0000-0234): CMAQ:** In Atwater. Traffic Signals Synchronization and Raised Median: CMAQ will be programmed for Preliminary Engineering (CMAQ = \$53,304; City match = \$6,907) in current FFY 2013/14, and funding for Construction (Synchronize the following signals: SR-99 southbound ramp at Bell Lane; Bell Drive at Bell Lane (near CHP Office); Applegate Road at Commerce/Bell; Applegate Road at Sycamore Ave; Applegate Road at Atwater Boulevard; Winton Way at Olive Ave (proposed new signal)) will be programmed in FFY 2017/18. Total project cost = \$547,558 (CMAQ = \$484,753; City = \$62,805);

• **(205-0000-0235): CMAQ:** In Atwater. Sidewalk/Bike Path Infill on Juniper Ave Btwn. Sierra

Madre Dr. & Bridgewater Street: CMAQ will be programmed for Preliminary Engineering (CMAQ = \$14,738; City match = \$1,910) in current FFY 2013/14, and funding for Construction (construct missing sidewalk, bike path, and ADA ramps) will be programmed in FFY 2017/18. Total project cost = \$183,136 (CMAQ = \$162,130; City = \$21,006);

- **(205-0000-0236):** CMAQ: In Atwater. Sidewalk Infill on Buhach Road Btwn. Avenue One & High School: CMAQ will be programmed for Preliminary Engineering (CMAQ = \$8,218; City match = \$1,065) in current FFY 2013/14, and funding for Construction (construct missing sidewalk and ADA ramp on east side of Buhach Road) will be programmed in FFY 2015/16. Total project cost = \$102,111 (CMAQ = \$90,398; City = \$11,713);

- **(205-0000-0237):** CMAQ: In Gustine (Harry Schmidt Park). Construct Pedestrian/Bike Path Alongside SR-33/140 Btwn. Meredith Ave to Linden Ave: CMAQ will be programmed for Preliminary Engineering (CMAQ = \$39,838; City match = \$5,162) in FFY 2014/15, and funding for Construction will be programmed in FFY 2016/17. Total project cost = \$341,500 (CMAQ = \$302,329; City = \$39,171);

- **(205-0000-0238):** CMAQ: In Gustine. Construct Roundabout at 5th Street & 4th Ave: CMAQ will be programmed for Preliminary Engineering (CMAQ = \$66,397; City match = \$8,603) in FFY 2015/16, for Right-of-Way (CMAQ = \$30,985; City match = \$4,015) in FFY 2017/18, and funding for Construction will be line-itemed for an outer year. Total project cost = \$626,100 (CMAQ = \$554,286; City = \$71,814);

- **(205-0000-0239):** CMAQ: In Livingston. Sidewalk Infill on Stefani, White, Crowell, Simpson: CMAQ will be programmed for Preliminary Engineering (CMAQ = \$36,740; City match = \$4,760) in FFY 2013/14, for Right-of-Way (CMAQ = \$13,279; City match = \$1,721) in FFY 2014/15, and funding for Construction will be programmed in FFY 2017/18. Total project cost = \$234,800 (CMAQ = \$207,868; City = \$26,932);

- **(205-0000-0240):** CMAQ: In Livingston. Construct Roundabout at Main Street & B Street: CMAQ will be programmed for Preliminary Engineering (CMAQ = \$66,397; City match = \$8,603) in FFY 13/14, for Right-of-Way (CMAQ = \$132,795; City match = \$17,205) in FFY 2015/16, and funding for Construction will be programmed in FFY 2017/18. Total project cost = \$776,100 (CMAQ = \$687,081; City = \$89,019).

Documentation associated with this amendment is (205-0000-0235): CMAQ: In Atwater. Sidewalk/Bike Path Infill on Juniper Ave Btwn. Sierra Madre Dr. & Bridgewater Street: CMAQ will be programmed for Preliminary Engineering (CMAQ = \$14,738; City match = \$1,910) in current FFY 2013/14, and funding for Construction (construct missing sidewalk, bike path, and ADA ramps) will be programmed in FFY 2017/18. Total project cost = \$183,136 (CMAQ = \$162,130; City = \$21,006);

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Pursuant to the July 17, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we accept the modifications to the 2012/13 – 2015/16 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the MCAG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning published in the February 17, 2007 Federal Register. We find that the MCAG's FTIP, through Amendment # 16, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the metropolitan planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. 174, and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as amended by Sections 1201, 1202, 20005 and 20006 of Public Law 112-141, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21).

We have determined that this program modification is exempt from the regional emissions analysis requirements pursuant to the transportation conformity provisions found in 40 CFR Part 93. 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 DOT and EPA on Transportation Conformity*, dated April 25, 2000. Therefore, we find that the FTIP continues to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

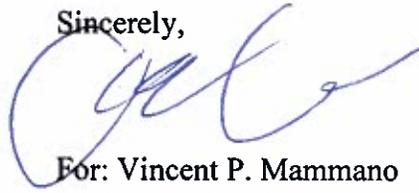
This approval is provided with the understanding that the FTA funding approval on the individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements, and that approval of this programming action does not provide a federal eligibility determination for CMAQ projects or any other project funding source included in this amendment.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval for this MCAG FSTIP amendment, please contact Cecilia Crenshaw ([cecilia.crenshaw@dot.gov](mailto:cecilia.crenshaw@dot.gov)) of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5033.

*/s/ Leslie T. Rogers*

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