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May 20, 2013

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Attention: Mr. Jermaine Hannon

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Mr. Hannon and Mr. Sukys:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has completed the review of the following amendment to the Merced County Association of Governments' (MCAG) 2012/13 – 2015/16 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
5	State Element

This amendment adds the California Transportation Commission-allocated State Route 99 Bond Program funding for construction to an existing project, Atwater-Merced Expressway Phase 1A, in the MCAG region. This project's conformity determination relies on a previous emissions analysis. The 2008 Ozone Conformity Analysis requires state and federal approvals to avoid a valley-wide conformity lapse.

See enclosures.

The MCAG Board Resolution adopting this FTIP amendment certifies that the amendment is financially constrained, does not change air quality conformity, and meets the requirements of public involvement procedures adopted by MCAG.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Director of Caltrans, I approve MCAG's Amendment Number 5. I also recommend that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the FTA approve this FTIP amendment for inclusion into California's 2013 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of projects for federal funding.

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Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Lima Huy of my staff,
at (916) 651-7411.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Falsetti', with a stylized flourish at the end.

RACHEL FALSETTI
Chief,
Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

- c: Lisa Hanf – Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air Planning (w/enclosures)
- Eric Eidlin – FTA (w/enclosures)
- Cecelia Crenshaw – FHWA (w/enclosures)
- Ty Phimmasone – MCAG
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- Parminder Singh – Caltrans, D-10