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Mr. Muhaned Aljabiry
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ATTN: Dennis Jacobs

Subject: Withdrawal of Council of Fresno County Governments Formal Amendment #21 to the 2009 FTIP

Dear Mr. Aljabiry:

Amendment No. 21 (Formal, Type 2) to the 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) added the preliminary target revenues only from the "Jobs for Main Street Act of 2010" to the financial element of the 2009 FTIP.

This guidance was superseded on February 19, 2010, when FHWA issued a ruling in the form of a question and answer response that stated "The FHWA/FTA will not approve the amended STIP and any associated conformity determination until the President signs the Jobs Bill economic recovery legislation". We have been notified by Caltrans that FHWA, after thorough consideration, will not be changing the guidance issued through the Q & A. Consequently, they will not approve any amendments that contain Stim 2 funding.

In order that the 2009 FTIP remains consistent with the metropolitan transportation planning regulations per 23 CFR Part 450 and 40 CFR Part 93, COFCG must withdraw Amendment No. 21 since the potential funds associated with the Jobs for Main Street Act are no longer considered "reasonably available". COFCG has consulted with our Caltrans HQ Programming and FHWA FTIP Coordinators and received concurrence that Amendment 21 should be withdrawn.

Withdrawing this amendment does not affect the regional emissions analysis for the FTIP, the COFCG 2009 FTIP remains in conformity with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP). Withdrawing Amendment No. 21 does not affect the timely implementation of any Transportation Control Measures (TCM) and the FTIP remains financially constrained.

Member Agencies: The cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Garza at (559) 233-4148, ext. 240
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Boren". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

TONY BOREN, Executive Director
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