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Re: FTA approval of Merced County
Association of Governments Formal
Amendment No. 22 to the 2009 Federal
Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Dear Ms. Falsetti:

Thank you for your letter, dated July 16, 2010, approving the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) Formal Amendment No. 22. This amendment adds \$1,600,000 in FTA Section 5320 ("Transit in the Parks") funds for the purchase of three clean diesel buses in FY2009/2010. It also adds multi-year awards of FTA 5311(f) funds in the amounts of \$400,000 for FY2009/2010 and \$300,000 for FY2010/2011.

This amendment was developed by a process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 53 and was coordinated with the Federal Highway Administration. Transit element projects are exempt from air quality conformity determination.

This letter constitutes approval of the amendment into the California Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, with the understanding that the eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all FTA grant requirements.

If you have questions about our review, please call Mr. Eric Eidlin, Community Planner, at (415) 744-2502.

Sincerely,


For Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator

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