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December 15, 2011

Mr. Ted Smalley
Executive Director
Tulare County Association of Governments
5955 S. Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277

Dear Mr. Smalley:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) received the Tulare County Association of Governments' (TCAG) request for delegated authority from Caltrans to approve Administrative Modifications to the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). The board action attached to your request indicates that the Executive Director is delegated the approval of Administrative Modifications for the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and the FSTIP. With the acknowledgement of your board action, Caltrans hereby delegates to TCAG the authority to approve Administrative Modifications to the FSTIP in accordance with the revised FSTIP/ FTIP Amendments and Administrative Modification Procedures dated June 3, 2011.

The following procedures apply to TCAG upon receiving Caltrans' delegation:

1. Prior to approving the FTIP/FSTIP administrative modifications, TCAG may consult with Caltrans on proposed changes.
2. TCAG may request Caltrans to provide a cursory review of the administrative modification prior to the TCAG's approval.
3. TCAG shall send copies of the approved administrative modifications to Caltrans, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and other stakeholders. Caltrans will post the approved administrative modifications on the Division of Transportation Programming Website.
4. Caltrans will routinely review TCAG's approved administrative modifications and will reject changes that do not comply with the attached procedures. In such cases TCAG must correct all items of noncompliance.
5. Caltrans will withdraw its delegation from TCAG if it is found to be consistently noncompliant with the revised FSTIP/ FTIP Amendments and Administrative Modification Procedures.

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Thank you for requesting this delegation that will undoubtedly streamline your region's programming process and thus expedite projects. My staff is looking forward to working with your staff to ensure a successful implementation of this delegation. If you have any questions, please call Muhaned Aljabiry at (916) 654-2983.

Sincerely,



for

RACHEL FALSETTI
Chief
Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosure

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December 5, 2011

Ms. Rachel Falsetti
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Division of Transportation Programming, MS82
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Attention: Dennis Jacobs,

Subject: Request for State Delegation of Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) Administrative Modification Approval Authority.

Dear Ms. Falsetti:

The Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) is requesting Caltrans' delegation to approve Administrative Modifications to the FSTIP. On September 19, 2011, TCAG approved Resolution 11-042 (attached) and modified the resolution to include the FSTIP on December 5, 2011 (Item IV-F, TCAG Agenda). The 2009 Public Participation Plan (PPP) Amendment No. 1 amends TYPE-I Administrative Modification Amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Federal State Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

On June 3, 2011, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued an update to the FSTIP and FTIP Amendment and Administrative Modification Procedures. As per Caltrans' transmittal letter dated June 7, 2011, offering delegated authority to TCAG for TYPE-I Administrative Modification Amendments to the FTIP. A 45 day public comment period was conducted August 5, 2011, through September 19, 2011. The 2009 PPP Amendment No. 1 delegates TCAG Executive Director the authority to approve TYPE I Administrative Modifications Amendments to the FTIP as delegated by the current agreement between Caltrans and FHWA/FTA as per the June 7, 2011, transmittal letter.

TCAG certifies that the 2009 PPP Amendment No. 1 is consistent with the FSTIP/FTIP Administrative Modifications and Amendments Procedures as issued by per Caltrans June 7, 2011, transmittal letter. Upon receipt of delegation authority from Caltrans, TCAG's Executive Director will approve all future Administrative Modifications to the FTIP and FSTIP for TCAG. If you have any questions or require additional information please contact Eddie Wendt, Associate Regional Planner at ewendt@co.tulare.ca.us or 559-624-7265.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ted Smalley".

Ted Smalley
Executive Director

CC: Muhaned Aljabiry

Attachment: Resolution 11-042

BEFORE THE
TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of:

APPROVING THE 2009 PUBLIC)
PARTICIPATION PLAN AMENDMENT)
NO. 1 AND REQUESTING DELEGATED)
AUTHORITY FROM CALTRANS TO)
APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE)
MODIFICATIONS TO THE FTIP)
AND FSTIP)

Resolution No. 11-042

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) is a Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), pursuant to State and Federal designation; and

WHEREAS, Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Sec. 450.316(a) requires that MPOs develop and use a documented participation plan; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2009, TCAG adopted the 2009 Public Participation Plan (Resolution 09-036); and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Public Participation Plan was prepared in full compliance with federal guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Public Participation Plan Amendment No. 1 amends the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) TYPE I Amendment-Administration Modification Procedures in the 2009 Public Participation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 1 to the 2009 Public Participation Plan was prepared in full compliance with federal guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in coordination with Caltrans have revised their FTIP Amendments and Administrative Modification Procedures to allow Caltrans to grant delegated authority to individual MPOs to approve Administrative Modifications to the FTIP and FSTIP; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans has distributed a letter (attached), dated June 7, 2011, which outlines the process MPOs need to follow to receive delegated authority to approve Administrative Modifications; and

WHEREAS, the TCAG Board has previously delegated the approval of Administrative Modifications to the TCAG Executive Director or TCAG Chair.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) TCAG adopts the 2009 Public Participation Plan Amendment No. 1.
- 2) TCAG requests that Caltrans delegate authority to the TCAG Board to approve Administrative Modifications to the FTIP and FSTIP in accordance with the procedural requirements as outlined by Caltrans in their June 7, 2011 notice (attached).
- 3) TCAG reaffirms delegated authority to the TCAG Executive Director or TCAG Chair to approve Administrative Modifications to the FTIP and FSTIP.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon the motion of Member Worthley, seconded by Member Ennis, at a regular meeting on the 19th day of September, 2011, by the following vote:

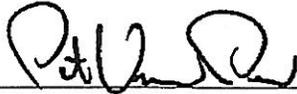
AYES: Ishida, Vander Poel, Cox, Worthley, Ennis, Allwardt, Boyer, Kimball, Vejvoda, Link, McKittrick, McKinley

NOES:

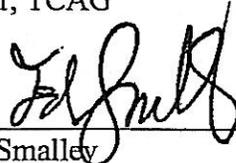
ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Hinesly, Irish, Mendoza, Sparks

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS



Pete Vander Poel
Chair, TCAG



Ted Smalley
Executive Director, TCAG