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Re: FY 2004/05 to 2005/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program; SCAG Highway and Transit FSTIP Amendment #5

Attention: Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

We have completed our review of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2004/05 to 2004/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment #5, as requested by your letter of March 4, 2005. This SCAG FTIP amendment includes various highway and transit projects with various sources of funds.

We find SCAG's FTIP Amendment #5 was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23USC 134 &135, 49 USC 5303-5305, and 23CFR450. California Department of Transportation assures this amendment has met the financial constraint requirements included in our transportation planning regulations, i.e. 23 CFR 450.324(e).

Additionally, FHWA requests SCAG review the conformity categories for the projects and assure that they are correct in SCAG's database. For example, LAOD206 is identified as a TCM, but there is no funding for ROW or construction programmed in the RTIP.

The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40CFR Section 9.126 and or Section 93.127]. As required by 40 CFR parts 51 and 93, the projects included in this amendment are found to conform in accordance with Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act as amended by 942 USC 7504, 7506(c) and (d). Moreover, this amendment has been coordinated with the Regional Offices of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This letter constitutes approval of this amendment. The SCAG FTIP Amendment # 5 is approved and included into California's 2004/05-06/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), with the understanding the eligibility of individual projects is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all FTA and FHWA administrative requirements.

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This approval is based on the California Department of Transportation's assurance the funding for this amendment does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

If you have any questions regarding this determination, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Grace S. Balmir of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Office at (213) 202-3953 or Mr. Ted Matley of the Federal Transit Administration at (415) 744-2819.

Sincerely,

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