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Mr. Jeff Morales, Director
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
For Greg Wong

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: **StanCOG 2000/01 FTIP AMENDMENT No. 2**

We have completed our review of the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) Amendment No. 2 to its 2000/01 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) submitted by your letter dated December 22, 2000. The amendment was adopted by StanCOG on November 8, 2000. This amendment modifies adds a pavement management system and three Safe Routes to School projects.

We accept this StanCOG amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that the amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed. Therefore, we find this FTIP to conform with the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This finding has been coordinated with the Regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Region Nine office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in accordance with the procedures outlined on the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode FTIP amendments, dated March 8, 1996.

We have not taken action in the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS) at this time but will due so after the amendment project information has been entered.

This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of StanCOG's FTIP Amendment No. 2 into California's 2000/01 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Sincerely,

Nade Hobb

For
Michael G. Ritchie
Division Administrator