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Attention: Teresa Favila

Subject: Withdrawal of the San Joaquin Council of Governments Amendment #22 and #23 to the 2009 FTIP

Dear Mr Aljabiry:

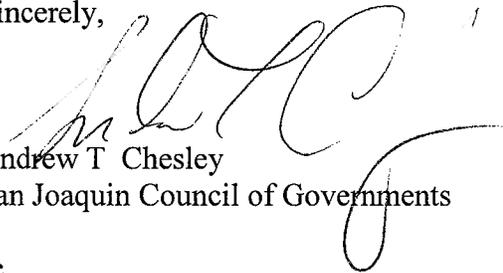
Amendments No. 22 and No. 23 (Formal, Type 2) to the SJCOG 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) added the highways (streets and roads) and transit funding projected to result from the “Jobs for Main Street Act of 2010” to the financial element of the 2009 FTIP. SJCOG programmed these funds based on the FHWA/Caltrans estimates in accordance with the “Guidance on Programming Jobs for Main Street Act of 2010 (STIM2) Funds and Projects in the FTIPs/FSTIP” developed by Caltrans and FHWA. This guidance was superseded on February 19, 2010, when FHWA issued a ruling in the form of a question and answer response that stated "The FHWA/FTA will not approve the amended STIP and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 question and answer response. Consequently, FHWA will not approve any amendments that contain STIM 2 funding.

In order that the SJCOG 2009 FTIP remains consistent with the metropolitan transportation planning regulations per 23 CFR Part 450 and 40 CFR Part 93, SJCOG is hereby withdrawing Amendments No. 22 and 23, as the potential funds associated with the Jobs for Main Street Act are no longer considered “reasonably available”. SJCOG has consulted with our Caltrans HQ Programming and FHWA FTIP Coordinators and received concurrence that Amendment No. 22 and No. 23 should be withdrawn. Withdrawing these amendments does not affect the regional emissions analysis for the FTIP such that the SJCOG 2009 FTIP remains in conformity with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP). Withdrawing Amendments No. 22 and 23 does not affect the

timely implementation of any Transportation Control Measures (TCM) and the FTIP remains financially constrained. Also the SJCOG adopted Public Participation Plan (PPP) does not require any public comment or interagency consultation to withdraw this amendment.

If you have any questions regarding this document, please contact Sam Kaur at (209) 235-0583.

Sincerely,



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