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DATE: May 8, 2009

TO: Interagency Consultation Partners and Public

FR: Wil Ridder, Senior Regional Planner

RE: **Availability of Draft Amendment #11 to the 2009 FTIP and 2007 RTP Amendment #4 and Corresponding Draft Conformity Analysis for Interagency Consultation and Public Review**

The San Joaquin Council of Governments is proposing the formal Amendment #11 (Type #5: Formal Amendment, Conformity Determination and New Regional Emissions Analysis) to the 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment #4. The 2009 FTIP is the programming document that identifies four years (FY 08/09, FY 09/10, FY 10/11, and FY 11/12) of federal, state and local funding sources for projects in San Joaquin County. The Draft Amendment #11 to the 2009 FTIP and 2007 RTP Amendment #4 contains changes to transit projects as well as roadway projects funded with FTA Section 5308, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and High Priority Project funds. Documentation associated with this amendment is provided as indicated below, including the corresponding Draft Conformity Analysis. Please note that since the San Joaquin Valley is a PM2.5 multi-jurisdictional area, this interagency consultation memo also includes documentation for the other seven San Joaquin Valley (SJV) Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).

- **Project List:** Attachment 1 includes a summary of programming changes that result from Amendment #11 to the 2009 FTIP. The attachment also includes the CTIPs printout for the project changes to the 2009 FTIP via Amendment #11.
- **Updated Financial Plan:** Attachment 2 includes the Financial Plan from the 2009 FTIP Amendment #11 that has been updated to include the project list as provided in Attachment 1.

- RTP Amendment #4: Attachment 3 includes a summary of programming changes to the 2007 RTP and corresponding financial table updates (if necessary). An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) supplement is not necessary as the project changes remain consistent with the 2007 EIR.
- Conformity Requirements: A new conformity determination and new regional emissions analysis is required for Amendment #11 to the 2009 FTIP and 2007 RTP Amendment #4. The Draft Conformity Analysis is provided in Attachment 4. In addition, the projects and/or project phases contained in the amendments do not interfere with the timely implementation of any approved Transportation Control Measures (TCMs).

It is important to note that the San Joaquin Valley is a PM2.5 multi-jurisdictional area; there are 8 MPOs within the PM2.5 nonattainment area and no PM2.5 conformity budgets are available for use at this time. Consequently, the PM2.5 conformity determination must be based on a regional emissions analysis that covers the entire nonattainment area. In accordance with EPA guidance, the other 7 MPOs must redetermine conformity. Since no other transportation planning changes are being made, the 7 other MPO individual conformity analyses remain unchanged. However, the new Appendix D "PM2.5 Conformity Results Summary for Each MPO in the San Joaquin Valley Nonattainment Area" will be made available for a 30-day public comment period prior to re-adoption of their conformity determination.

- Public Involvement: Attachment 5 includes the Draft Public Notice and Adoption Resolution.

Since the San Joaquin Valley is a PM2.5 multi-jurisdictional area (see above conformity discussion), the other 7 MPOs must redetermine conformity. A sample Draft Public Notice and Adoption Resolution for the remaining SJV MPOs is included in Attachment 5 as well. A summary schedule of the corresponding 30-day public comment periods and adoption dates for the other 7 MPOs is also included. In general, the public comment periods will occur in May with Board adoption in June 2009; no public hearing is required since there is no corresponding transportation planning action.

The public review and comment period for SJCOG 2009 FTIP Amendment #11 and 2007 RTP Amendment #4 is open for 30 days commencing on May 8, 2009 and ending on June 8, 2009. A public hearing will be held May 26th between 10:00 a.m.

and 11:00 a.m.; comments are due by 5 p.m. on June 8, 2009. These documents can also be viewed on the SJCOG website at www.sjcog.org.

The SJCOG Board of Directors will consider the adoption of Amendment #11 to the 2009 FTIP and 2007 RTP Amendment #4 on June 25, 2009. The meeting will be at the address noted above.

In conclusion, the 2009 FTIP and 2007 RTP as amended meets all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450, 40 CFR Part 93, and conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plans (SIPs). If you have any questions or would like to submit comments, please contact Sam Kaur, at (209) 468-3913 or kaur@sjcog.org.