

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE
REDETERMINATION OF CONFORMITY FOR THE 2009 FEDERAL
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT #3 AND
THE 2007 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT #2**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) is conducting a 30-day public comment period on the redetermination of conformity for the federally-approved 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment #3 and 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment #2.

- The 2009 FTIP is a listing of capital improvement and operational expenditures utilizing federal and state monies for transportation projects in Merced County during the next four years.
- 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.
- The San Joaquin Council of Governments has revised their portion of the PM2.5 conformity analysis. Consequently, 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” is being made available for a 30-day public comment period prior to re-adoption of their conformity determination.

The 30-day public review and comment period will commence on May 8, 2009 and conclude June 8, 2009 at 5 p.m. The draft documents are available for review at the Merced County Association of Governments office, located at 369 West 18th St., Merced, CA, 95340, and on the MCAG website at www.mcagov.org.

Public comments may be submitted in writing by 5 p.m. on June 8, 2009 to Matthew Fell at the address below.

After considering the comments, the documents will be considered for adoption, by resolution, by the MCAG Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting to be held on June 18, 2009. The documents will then be submitted to state and federal agencies for approval.

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