

DATE: September 30, 2008

TO: Interagency Consultation Partners and Public

FR: Terri Lewis, Staff

RE: Withdrawal of Draft Amendment #1 to the 2009 Interim FTIP that Relies on the Federally Approved 2007 Air Quality Conformity Analysis for Interagency Consultation and Public Review

On September 24, 2008, EPA approved the San Joaquin Valley 2007 PM-10 Maintenance Plan, including motor vehicle emissions budgets for conformity. This action invalidates the ability to rely on the Federally Approved 2007 Air Quality Conformity Analysis. Therefore, Merced County Association of Governments is withdrawing Draft Amendment #1 to the pending 2009 Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program (Interim FTIP), canceling the public review period as well as removing the item from Board consideration.

The public review and comment period scheduled for September 2, 2008 to October 2, 2008 is hereby cancelled. Amendment #1 to the 2009 Interim FTIP will also be removed from Merced County Association of Governments Board of Directors agenda for consideration on October 16, 2008.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me: (209) 723-3153 or terri.lewis@mcagov.org.

Sincerely,



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