



**Kern Council
of Governments**

August 20, 2018

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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry

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Attention: Scott Carson

Subject: Submittal of the Kern Council of Governments' 2018 RTP/SCS, 2018 RTP/SCS EIR, 2019 FTIP, and Corresponding Conformity Analysis

Dear Mr. Aljabiry and Mr. Carson:

Enclosed for your review and approval are the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), 2018 RTP Environmental Impact Report (EIR), 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), and corresponding Conformity Analysis. The final adopted documents meet all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450 and 40 CFR Part 93. The 2019 FTIP program listing is consistent with the 2018 RTP/SCS, the 2018 State Transportation Improvement Program, and the corresponding Conformity Analysis.

A 55-day public review and interagency consultation period for the draft 2018 RTP/SCS, 2019 FTIP, and corresponding Conformity Analysis began on May 18, 2018 and ended on July 12, 2018. The public review for the EIR began on May 25, 2018 and ended on July 12, 2018. A public hearing was held at the City of Ridgecrest council meeting on June 6, 2018 and at the City of Arvin council meeting on June 19. A public hearing was held at a regularly scheduled Kern COG Board meeting on June 21, 2018. The final documents were updated to address public comments received. The public participation process for the 2018 RTP/SCS, EIR, 2019 FTIP, and corresponding Conformity Analysis is consistent with Kern COG Board adopted public participation plan. On August 16, 2018, the Kern COG Board of Directors approved the 2018 RTP/SCS, EIR, 2019 FTIP, and corresponding Conformity Analysis. State and federal approval is required.

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Included with this letter are three hard copies of the 2019 FTIP and two copies of the corresponding Conformity Analysis. In addition, the grouped project listing associated with the 2019 FTIP is attached and an electronic copy of the four year financial plan will be sent via email. The final documents are all available online on Kern COG's website at www.kerncog.org; additional hard-copies or CDs will be provided upon request.

If you have any questions regarding this document, please contact Raquel Pacheco at (661) 635-2907 or rpacheco@kerncog.org.

Sincerely,



AHRON HAKIMI,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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