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Attention: Mr. Micheal Morris

Attention: Mr. Mervin Acebo

Mr. Kien Le, Office Chief
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Attention: Ms. Jennifer Ashby-Camp

Subject: Kern Council of Governments' Administrative Modification No. 14 to the 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Mr. Morris, Mr. Acebo, and Ms. Ashby-Camp:

On April 30, 2015, with the acknowledgment of the Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) Board, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) delegated to the Kern COG Executive Director the authority to approve Administrative Modifications to the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP)/Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). This delegated authority is in accordance with the FSTIP/FTIP Amendment and Administrative Modification procedures.

The Kern COG Executive Director has completed a review of Administrative Modification No. 14 (Modification No. 14) to the 2025 FTIP. The Executive Director finds that the proposed changes are consistent with the FTIP Amendment Policy adopted by the Kern COG Board; therefore, approves these changes. Kern COG certifies that the projects included in this modification are not included in any other amendment or modification to the 2025 FTIP currently out for public review or approval. The Kern COG staff reviewed the requests and has agreed to make administrative revisions to the 2025 FTIP reflecting changes to the projects below:

Transit Program – KER240801

Caltrans, City of Delano, and Kern County (Kern Transit) requests to revise the group project listing record KER240801 purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansion of the fleet. Kern COG concurs with the request to expedite the appropriate changes as part of Modification No. 14 because: 1) there is no change in scope; and 2) there is a cost revision.

Revisions have been made to the California Transportation Improvement Program (CTIPS) database and are reflected in the enclosure. This administrative modification relies on the FSTIP financial capacity. The financial constraint documentation will be updated to reflect changes made by this administrative modification in the next formal amendment. It should be noted that the changes to these projects do not require a re-determination of the air quality conformity analysis.

Under the delegated authority received from Caltrans, Administrative Modifications do not require Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration or Caltrans approval. The purpose of this letter is to notify Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration that this Administrative Modification has taken place. If you should have any questions, please feel free to call Cesar Valle at (661) 635-2917.

Sincerely,



JOHN (JAY) SCHLOSSER, P.E.,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
JS/RP/CV

Enclosures

cc: Colleen Vidinoff, Caltrans District 6
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Charlene Lee Lorenzo, FTA
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Caltrans Summary of Changes

Amendment Type:
Amendment #:

Administrative Modification
14

Existing or New Project	MPO FTIP ID	PROJECT TITLE	FFY of Current Programming	FFY to be Programmed	Phase	Fund Source	% Cost Increase/Decrease	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE
Existing	KER240801	GROUPED PROJECTS FOR PURCHASE OF NEW BUSES AND RAIL CARS TO REPLACE EXISTING VEHICLES OR FOR MINOR EXPANSION OF THE FLEET	FFY 25/26	FFY 25/26	CON	FTA Sec. 5310	6%	Add \$165,073
			N/A	FFY 25/26	CON	FTA Sec. 5311	6%	Add \$169,948
			N/A	FFY 25/26	CON	FTA Sec. 5339(a)	21%	Add \$567,964
			N/A	FFY 25/26	CON	Local	4%	Add \$100,324

Legend:

FTA Sec. 5310	Federal Transit Administration Section 5310
FTA Sec. 5311	Federal Transit Administration Section 5311
FTA Sec. 5339(a)	Federal Transit Administration Section 5339(a)

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DIST: 06	PPNO:	EA:	CTIPS ID: 204-0000-1018	TITLE (DESCRIPTION): GROUPED PROJECTS FOR PURCHASE OF NEW BUSES AND RAIL CARS TO REPLACE EXISTING VEHICLES OR FOR MINOR EXPANSION OF THE FLEET (PROJECTS ARE CONSISTEN WITH 40 CFR PART 93.126 EXEMPT TABLES 2 AND TABLE 3 CATEGORIES - PURCHASE OF NEW BUSES AND RAIL CARS TO REPLACE EXISTING VEHICLES OR FOR MINOR EXPANSIONS OF THE FLEET (toll credit \$402,391))	MPO Aprv: State Aprv: Federal Aprv:
CT PROJECT ID:			MPO ID.: KER240801		EPA TABLE II or III EXEMPT CATEGORY Purchase new buses and rail cars to replace exist.
COUNTY: Kern County	ROUTE:		PM:		

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Various Agencies
PROJECT MANAGER:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

PROJECT VERSION HISTORY (Printed Version is Shaded)

(Dollars in whole)

Version	Status	Date	Updated By	Change Reason	Amend No.	Prog Con	Prog RW	PE
6	Active	04/28/2026	CVALLE	Amendment - Cost/Scope/Sch. Change	14	3,754,505		
5	Official	03/23/2026	CVALLE	Amendment - Cost/Scope/Sch. Change	13	2,751,196		
4	Official	06/20/2025	CVALLE	Amendment - Cost/Scope/Sch. Change	6	1,815,784		
3	Official	07/18/2024	RPACHECO	Adoption - Carry Over	0	1,448,113		
2	Official	06/06/2024	RPACHECO	Amendment - Cost/Scope/Sch. Change	16	1,448,113		
1	Official	02/20/2024	RPACHECO	Amendment - New Project	12	1,093,392		

* FTA Funds -		PRIOR	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	BEYOND	TOTAL
* Fund Source 1 of 4	PE									
* Fund Type: FTA 5310 Elderly & Disabilities	RW									
* Funding Agency:	CON	1,093,392		1,100,485						2,193,877
	Total:	1,093,392		1,100,485						2,193,877

* FTA Funds -		PRIOR	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	BEYOND	TOTAL
* Fund Source 2 of 4	PE									
* Fund Type: FTA 5311 - Non Urbanized	RW									
* Funding Agency:	CON		314,034	495,447						809,481
	Total:		314,034	495,447						809,481

* Local Funds -		PRIOR	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	BEYOND	TOTAL
* Fund Source 3 of 4	PE									
* Fund Type: TDA	RW									
* Funding Agency:	CON		40,687	142,496						183,183
	Total:		40,687	142,496						183,183

* FTA Funds -		PRIOR	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	BEYOND	TOTAL
* Fund Source 4 of 4	PE									
* Fund Type: Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Program (Bus	RW									
* Funding Agency:	CON			567,964						567,964
	Total:			567,964						567,964

Project Total:		PRIOR	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	BEYOND	TOTAL
	PE									
	RW									
	CON	1,093,392	354,721	2,306,392						3,754,505
	Total:	1,093,392	354,721	2,306,392						3,754,505

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Comments:

***** Version 6 - 04/17/2026 *****

Per 3/24/26 Large Urbanized Areas project listing; Add \$165,073 FTA 5310 FY 25/26

Per 4/8/26 City of Delano letter; Add \$169,948 FTA 5311 and \$22,020 Local FY 25/26

Per 4/28/26 Kern County letter; Add \$567,964 FTA 5339(a) and \$78,304 Local FY 25/26 (related to KER200810)

RTP Reference: 2022 RTP p.5-4

Prior Yr Status: ---

Total Project Cost: ---

***** Version 5 - 03/20/2026 *****

Per 1/30/26 Large Urbanized Areas project listing; Add 935,412 FTA 5310 FY 25/26

RTP Reference: 2022 RTP p.5-4

Prior Yr Status: ---

Total Project Cost: ---

***** Version 4 - 05/30/2025 *****

Per Kern COG 6/19/25 Board Meeting FTA Section 5311 POP; Add \$325,499 FTA 5311 and \$42,172 local FY25/26

RTP Reference: 2022 RTP p.5-4

Prior Yr Status: ---

Total Project Cost: ---

***** Version 1 - 03/08/24 *****

Project data transferred from 2022 FTIP.

RTP Reference: 2022 RTP p.5-4

Prior Yr Status: ---

Total Project Cost: ---

***** Version 1 - 02/01/2024 *****

Per 1/5/24 Large Urbanized Areas project listing

RTP Reference: 2022 RTP p.5-4

Prior Yr Status: ---

Total Project Cost: ---

2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

Grouped Project Listings

Kern Council of Governments

Note: Listing is available on the Kern COG website at
<https://www.kerncog.org/2025-ftip/>

Project Title: Grouped Projects for Purchase of New Buses and Rail Cars to Replace Existing Vehicles or for Minor Expansion of the Fleet

PROJECTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH 40 CFR PART 93.126 TABLE 2 EXEMPT PROJECTS CATEGORIES: PURCHASE OF NEW BUSES AND RAIL CARS TO REPLACE EXISTING VEHICLES OR FOR MINOR EXPANSIONS OF THE FLEET. (IN PM10 AND PM2.5 NONATTAINMENT OR MAINTENANCE AREAS, SUCH PROJECTS ARE EXEMPT ONLY IF THEY ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH CONTROL MEASURES IN THE APPLICABLE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN)

Agency	MPO Reference Number	Fed ID	Project Description	Program Year (FFY)	Project Phase	Fund Type				Total Project Cost
						5310 Funds	5311 Funds	5339(a) Funds	Local Funds	
ARC of Bakersfield	KER240801		Two Replacement Medium Buses	Prior Year	CON	\$295,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$295,000
			Four Replacement Full Sized Vans	Prior Year	CON	\$438,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$438,000
			Five Replacement Full Sized Vans (\$101,848 toll credits)	FY 25/26	CON	\$678,985	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$678,985
New Advances for People with Disabilities			One Replacement Small Bus	Prior Year	CON	\$141,392	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$141,392
			Two Replacement Full Sized Vans	Prior Year	CON	\$219,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$219,000
			Two Replacement Small Buses (\$50,700 toll credits)	FY 25/26	CON	\$338,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$338,000
			One Replacement Full Sized Van EL (\$12,525 toll credits)	FY 25/26	CON	\$83,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$83,500
Delano			Four Replacement DAR Vans	FY 24/25	CON	\$0	\$314,034	\$0	\$40,687	\$354,721
			Purchase Replacement CNG Bus	FY 25/26	CON	\$0	\$198,550	\$0	\$25,724	\$224,274
			Purchase Van for Dial A Ride Expansion	FY 25/26	CON	\$0	\$126,949	\$0	\$16,448	\$143,397
			Purchase Two (2) Replacement Gas Dial A Ride Vans	FY 25/26	CON	\$0	\$169,948	\$0	\$22,020	\$191,968
Kern County			In Kern County Purchase 4 Replacement Diesel Buses (\$18,640 toll credits)	FY 25/26	CON	\$0	\$0	\$567,964	\$78,304	\$646,268