

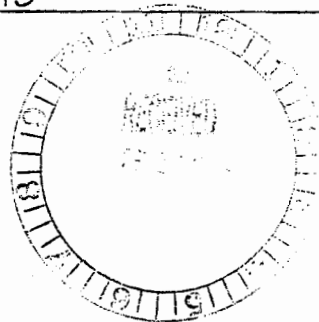
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AMBAG

ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

September 23, 2004

Ms. Linda Wilshusen
Executive Director
SCCRTC
1523 Pacific Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95060



Dear Linda:

This is in response to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Board of Directors' interest in the completion of the new AMBAG travel demand forecast model for use on the SR 1 Widening/HOV Project. Based on the latest estimate from our consultant Dean Munn, we anticipate a completion date of November 15, 2004 with full model documentation available for use at that time.

After the November 2003 anticipated new model completion date passed, the AMBAG 2004 population/employment/housing units forecast was adopted by the AMBAG Board April 2004. Delay incurred since that time has been cumulatively due to other factors, including: late delivery of subcontracted model products (external trips and mode choice model); extensive review, consultation, and clarification of the 2005 RTP project lists with the region's RTPAs and local jurisdictions; exhaustive transportation conformity work/analyses for the 2004/05 Metropolitan TIP and 2005 MTP using the new model platform; ongoing problems with one private contractor regarding the appropriate use and reporting of results for multiple projects in the region using the old model; and contracted work for TAMC for their Traffic Impact Fee Study and the Fort Ord Nexus Study.

Of course, as you're aware, AMBAG's modeler left AMBAG for work with a private consultant in mid-June. In July and August, AMBAG received approximately 40 hours of his time per month on some of the above work. September should be higher due to an extensive early month re-run of the FY 2004/05 MTIP conformity analyses to satisfy FHWA requests.

As always, please feel free to call Kathy Urlie or me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Nicolas Papadakis
Executive Director

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Debbie Hale, TAMC

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