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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry

SUBJECT: SLOCOG MPO 2012/13 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 10

Dear Ms. Falsetti:

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 10 to the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments' (SLOCOG) 2012/13 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated June 3, 2014. This FTIP amendment, adopted by the SLOCOG Board by Resolution No. 14-02 on February 5, 2014 proposes: to add three new individually listed projects and modifies four individually listed projects that were previously approved for inclusion in the 2012/13 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Our review noted that the FTIP descriptive material for the two new listings for the Regional Transit Authority projects (i.e. two coach purchases and three years of operating assistance) was insufficient to establish the projects' eligibility for funding from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program. Based on follow-up discussions with the responsible agency by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and further reviews of the projects by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the FTA planning staff and FHWA's CMAQ program specialist, we have concluded that the two Regional Transit Authority projects proposed in Amendment No. 10 are not eligible for CMAQ program funding pursuant to the Interim CMAQ Program Guidance dated November 12, 2013.

With the exception of the two new project listings proposed for Regional Transit Authority projects as described above, the FHWA and the FTA accept the proposed FTIP Amendment No. 10 modifications to the 2012/13 FTIP/FSTIP for the SLOCOG Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) region, in accordance with the *Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning* that was published in the February 14, 2007, Federal Register. This

joint FHWA and FTA approval for this amendment is pursuant to the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Region IX*. We find that the SLOCOG MPO's 2012/13 FTIP, including Amendment No. 10, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the metropolitan planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134, and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as amended by Public Law 112-141, the "*Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act*" (MAP-21).

The changes proposed to the FSTIP by this amendment are associated with projects that are exempt from the requirements to determine conformity pursuant to 40 CFR 93.126 or 93.127, and as a consequence, are not subject to the requirement that an air quality conformity determination be made.

This letter constitutes approval of the amendment with the understanding that FTA funding on individual projects is subject to the grantees meeting the administrative and statutory requirements. If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval of this FSTIP amendment, please contact Wade Hobbs in the FHWA office at (916) 498-5027, or by email at Wade.Hobbs@dot.gov; or Jerome Wiggins of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 744-2819, or by email at Jerome.Wiggins@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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