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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry, Division of Transportation Programming

Dear Ms. Falsetti:

SUBJECT: SLOCOG MPO 2012/13 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 16

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 16 to the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments' (SLOCOG) 2012/13 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated October 21, 2014. This FTIP amendment, adopted by the SLOCOG Board by Resolution No. 14-12 on September 10, 2014, proposes to amend the 2012/13 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) to: add two new highway bridge program project listings and one new listing for two clean diesel replacement buses for SLO City Transit; and modify two previously programmed transit capital projects including the RTA express coaches purchase and the South County Transit clean diesel bus acquisition.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) accept the proposed FTIP Amendment No. 16 modifications to the 2012/13 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. 16, 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act*" (MAP-21). We are approving SLOCOG's FTIP/FSTIP Amendment No. 16 with the understanding that eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the grantees meeting all Federal administrative and statutory requirements. This joint FHWA and FTA

approval of FTIP/FSTIP Amendment No. 16 does not constitute an eligibility determination for the Federal funds proposed for obligation on the listed projects.

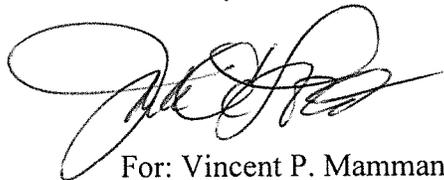
The changes proposed to the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), by this amendment, are associated with projects that are exempt from the requirements to determine conformity pursuant to 40 CFR 93.126 or 93.127, and as a consequence, are not subject to the requirement that an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

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](mailto:Wade.Hobbs@dot.gov); or Jerome Wiggins in the FTA Region IX office at (415) 744-2819, or by email at [Jerome.Wiggins@dot.gov](mailto:Jerome.Wiggins@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Leslie T. Rogers*

Leslie T. Rogers  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vincent P. Mammano', written in a cursive style.

For: Vincent P. Mammano  
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