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Re: SLOCOG 2012/13 - 2015/16 FTIP/FSTIP
Amendment No. 2

Dear Ms. Falsetti:

We have completed its review of Amendment No. 2 to the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments' (SLOCOG) 2012/2013-2015/2016 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), submitted by your letter dated March 20, 2013. As detailed in your letter, this SLOCOG FTIP amendment request to add additional funding to two FTA Section 5311 projects into the 2012/2013 – 2015/2016 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

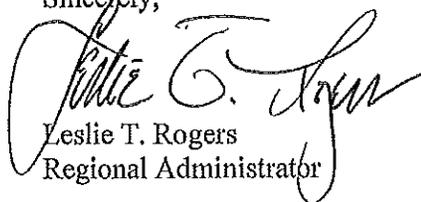
The proposed changes to the FSTIP by this amendment are for project listed in an area within the State of California that is designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal air quality standards. In consequence, these projects are exempt and go without requirement that an air quality conformity determination be made.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004 *MOU, between the FHWA – California Division and FTA – Region IX*, and based on our review of information submitted with the State's proposed 2012/13 – 2015/16 FSTIP, which includes revenues, proposed project funding information to demonstrate financial constraint, and statewide and metropolitan planning process documentation, we accept this FSTIP modification proposed for the SLOCOG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning that was published in the February 14, 2007 Federal Register. We have determined the amended SLOCOG FTIP, including Amendment No. 2, is financially constrained as required by the Federal surface transportation programs authorizing legislation and statewide planning, metropolitan planning, and programming regulations. SLOCOG's FTIP was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with the metropolitan transportation planning provision of 23 United States Code (U.S.C) § 134 AND 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53.

We are approving the 2012/13 – 2015/16 FSTIP with understanding that eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all administrative and statutory requirements. This joint FHWA and FTA approval of the FSTIP is unable to constitute and eligibility determination for the federal funds proposed for obligation on the listed projects.

If you would have any questions or need addition information concerning our FSTIP approval for this SLOCOG FTIP amendment, please contact Jerome Wiggins at (415) 744-2819, or by email at Jerome.wiggins@dot.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leslie T. Rogers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Leslie" being the most prominent part of the script.

Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator