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Re: FY 2004/05 to 2005/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program; SLOCOG Highway and Transit FSTIP Amendment #1

Attention: Federal Resources Office, Room 3500
For Ross A. Chittenden, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

We have completed our review of the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments' (SLOCOG) 2004/05 to 2004/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment # 1, as requested by your letter of January 11, 2005. This SLOCOG FTIP amendment includes various highway and transit projects with various sources of funds.

We find that SLOCOG's FTIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 & 135, 49 USC 5303-5305, and 23 CFR 450. This amendment has met the financial constraint requirements included in our transportation planning regulations, i.e. 23 CFR 450.324(e). Additionally, the San Luis Obispo region is in attainment of the national ambient air quality standards of the Clean Air Act, and is not subject to the transportation conformity regulations {40 CFR 93}. We are approving this amendment to the 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP for the SLOCOG region pursuant to the Federal statewide and metropolitan transportation planning regulations codified in 23 CFR Part 450, and in accord with the July 15, 2004, Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX.

This letter constitutes approval, and inclusion of SLOCOG's FTIP Amendment # 1 into California's 2004/05-06/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), with the understanding that the eligibility of individual projects is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and FHWA administrative requirements.

This approval is based on the California Department of Transportation's assurance that the funding for this amendment does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan. Furthermore, FTA request more specific detailed description for transit projects in future TIP and amendments.

If you have any questions regarding this determination, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Grace S. Balmir of the Federal Highway Administration, Los Angeles Metropolitan Office at (213) 202-3953 or Mr. Jerome Wiggins of the Federal Transit Administration at (415) 744-2819.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie Rogers

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