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Attention: Federal Resources Office, M.S. 82
For Rachel Falsetti, Division of Transportation Programming

Dear Ms. McKim:

SUBJECT: SLOCOG 2008/09 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 23

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 23 to the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments' (SLOCOG) 2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that was submitted by your letter dated July 12, 2010, and received by our office on July 28, 2010. The SLOCOG Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 10-14 on June 9, 2010, approving this FTIP modification. As detailed in your letter's enclosure, this SLOCOG FTIP amendment modifies the group listings for the State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) Emergency Response program and adds a new grouped listing for the SHOPP Minor A program of projects in San Luis Obispo County. The amendment adds new individual project listings for: SLO County ADA improvements funded with SHOPP Roadside Preservation program funding; US 101 improvements near San Miguel funded with SHOPP Roadway Preservation program funding; and RTA Operating expenses funded with FTA 5311 funding. This amendment also modifies project listings previously approved for inclusion into the FSTIP, including: Willow Road Extension/Interchange project, Santa Maria River Bridge widening project, Route 46 Corridor Improvements near Paso Robles, and the Route 101/46 Operational Improvements.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we are approving the proposed modifications to the 2008/09 – 2011/12 California FSTIP in accord with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning that was published in the February 14, 2007 Federal Register. We find that the SLOCOG 2008 TIP, through Amendment No. 23, was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23



U.S.C. § 134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as amended by Section 6001 of Public Law 109-59, the *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)*.

Based on our review of the FTIP financial constraint documentation submitted with the subject amendment, we have determined that the amended FTIP is financially constrained as required by the Federal surface transportation programs authorizing legislation, statewide and metropolitan planning, and programming regulations.

We are approving the 2008 FSTIP with the understanding that the eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all statutory and administrative requirements. This joint FHWA/FTA approval of the FSTIP does not constitute an eligibility determination for federal funds proposed for obligation on the listed projects. If you have questions or need additional information concerning our FSTIP approval for this SLOCOG FTIP amendment, please contact Wade Hobbs of the FHWA California Division 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,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

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