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Mr. Malcolm Dougherty, Acting Director
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Attention: Federal Resources Office, M.S. 82
For Rachel Falsetti, Division of Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Dougherty:

SUBJECT: SLOCOG MPO 2010/11 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 8

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 8 to the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments' (SLOCOG) 2010/11 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated November 9, 2011. The amendment, adopted by the SLOCOG Board by Resolution No. 11-18 on October 5, 2011: modifies the grouped project listing for the State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) Emergency Response Program that was previously approved for inclusion in the 2011 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP); and adds eleven new project listings to the metropolitan and statewide transportation improvements programs.

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 accept the proposed modifications to the 2010/11 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. We find that the SLOCOG MPO's 2010/11 FTIP, through Amendment No. 8, 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 Section 6001 of Public Law 109-59, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

The change proposed to the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) by this FTIP amendment is for projects listed in an area of the State of California that is designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal air quality standards, and, as a consequence, is not subject to the requirement that an air quality conformity determination be made.

This letter constitutes approval of SLOCOG's 2010 FTIP Amendment No. 8 with the understanding that FTA funding approval on individual projects is subject to the grantees

meeting the necessary administrative requirements. If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval of this FSTIP 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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