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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry

SUBJECT: SLOCOG MPO 2017 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 10

Dear Mr. de Terra:

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 10 to the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments' (SLOCOG) 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated November 2, 2017. This FTIP amendment, adopted by the SLOCOG Board by Resolution No. 17-12 on October 4, 2017, proposes to amend the 2017 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) by adding one new grouped project listing and modifying seven grouped project listings and one individual project listing that were previously approved for inclusion in the 2017 FTIP.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) accept the proposed 2017 FTIP Amendment No. 10 modifications for the SLOCOG Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) region, in accordance with the *Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning; Metropolitan Transportation Planning; Final Rule* that was published in the Federal Register on May 27, 2016. We find that the SLOCOG MPO' s 2017 FTIP, including Amendment No. 10, 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 114-94, the "*Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act*" (FAST Act). We are approving SLOCOG's FTIP/FSTIP Amendment No. 10 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. 10 does not constitute an eligibility determination for the federal funds proposed for obligation on the listed projects.

By our letter dated May 1, 2017, the FHWA and FTA made the determination that the SLOCOG 2017 FTIP and 2014 RTP/SCS conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, 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 SLOCOG FTIP/FSTIP amendment, please contact Wade Hobbs in the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by email at Wade.Hobbs@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

Wade Hobbs

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