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

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: SLOCOG 2008/09 TIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 1

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 1 to the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) portion of the 2008/09 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated December 22, 2008. The SLOCOG Board of Directors endorsed this amendment to SLOCOG's 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on October 8, 2008, by approving Resolution No. 08-18. Based on our review of the information submitted with this FSTIP amendment request, Amendment No. 1 to SLOCOG's 2009 TIP adds five new individually listed projects to the 2008/09 TIP and FSTIP, and modifies the funding for one individually listed project and one group project listing currently included in the TIP and FSTIP.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we accept these modifications to the 2008/09 FSTIP 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 find that SLOCOG's 2008/09 TIP, through Amendment No. 1, 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).

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The changes proposed to the FSTIP by this amendment are associated with transportation projects proposed for implementation in an area of the State of California that is designated as attainment for Federal air quality standards and, as a consequence, this program amendment is 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 FSTIP amendment, please contact Wade Hobbs of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by email at wade.hobbs@fhwa.dot.gov; or Jerome Wiggins in 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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