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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. 8

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 8 to the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments' (SLOCOG) 2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that was submitted by your letter dated July 6, 2009. The SLOCOG Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 09-07 on June 10, 2009, approving this TIP modification. As detailed in the enclosure to your letter, this SLOCOG TIP amendment adds six new individual project listings, modifies the TIP/STIP listings for five individually listed projects that were previously approved for inclusion in the TIP/STIP, and modifies three grouped project listings that were previously approved for inclusion in the SLOCOG TIP and California's Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (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 TIP 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 the SLOCOG 2008 TIP, including Amendment No. 4, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord 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)*.

Although the submitted amendment documentation highlights the individual projects affected by the modifications to the 'group listings' included in the TIP/STIP, the amendment documentation does not provide a complete backup list of the projects included in each of the grouped project



listings modified by this amendment. We encourage the State and MPO to provide an updated list of all the projects included in each grouped project listing when the grouped project listing is modified through an amendment to the Federal TIP/STIP.

Pursuant to 23 CFR 450.324(e)(2), the TIP shall include, for each project, the estimated total project cost (which may extend beyond the four years of the TIP). Our review noted that several of the projects included in SLOCOG TIP/STIP amendment number 13 lack the required information regarding the estimated total project cost. We remind the State and MPO that the total project cost must be provided for all TIP/STIP project listings, including grouped project listings.

Based on our review of the TIP financial constraint documentation submitted with the subject amendment, we have determined that the amended TIP is financially constrained as required by the Federal surface transportation programs authorizing legislation and statewide and metropolitan planning and programming regulations. The eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all administrative requirements.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our FSTIP approval for this SLOCOG TIP 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,

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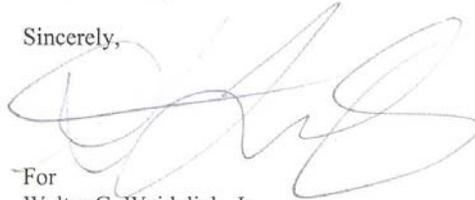
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