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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE 2017 FEDERAL STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Dear Mr. Dougherty:

We have completed our review of California's proposed 2016/17 - 2019/20 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (2017 FSTIP) and Statewide and Metropolitan Planning Certifications and supporting documentation submitted by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) on November 16, 2016. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approve the 2017 FSTIP and this approval supersedes California's 2015 FSTIP and all subsequent amendments to the 2015 FSTIP that were approved by the FHWA and FTA on or after December 15, 2014.

Section 450.218 of Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, requires the State to submit the updated FSTIP concurrently to the FTA and the FHWA at least every four years for joint approval. California's proposed 2017 FSTIP includes the project and project phase listings for proposed transportation projects located outside the planning area boundaries of the State's designated Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). California's proposed 2017 FSTIP also incorporates, by reference, those projects included in 2017 Federal Transportation Improvements Programs (FTIPs) that were adopted in 2016 by the eighteen designated MPOs in California.

With the exception of the eastern San Luis Obispo County ozone non-attainment area, FHWA and the FTA have completed the air quality conformity determinations required by 23 CFR 450.218(b) for the MPO FTIPs in areas of the State designated as nonattainment or maintenance for national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). Further, our review indicated that no projects subject to regional modeling and air quality conformity are proposed in the SLOCOG 2017 FTIP for the ozone non-attainment area in eastern San Luis Obispo County.

Based on our review of the information submitted with the State's proposed 2017 FSTIP, including revenue and proposed project funding information required to demonstrate financial


constraint, and documentation for statewide and metropolitan planning process in support of California's Statewide Planning Certification, we are approving the 2017 FSTIP as proposed. Any project or project phase listed in a MPO FTIP that is not included in the MPO's Regional Transportation Plan, is not approved for inclusion in the FSTIP pursuant to 23 CFR §§450.218(k) and 450.326(i).


Our FSTIP approval action includes project listings that indicate no funds are proposed for obligation during the four-year program period from 2016/17 to 2019/20. These projects and project phases cannot be advanced to implementation without an action by the FHWA and the FTA on the FSTIP pursuant to 23 CFR 450.218(l) and 450.330(e). Further, project or project phase funding included in the 2017 FSTIP that is listed/proposed for obligation outside the four year program cycle is accepted by the FHWA and the FTA as 'informational' in accord with 23 CFR §§450.218(a) and 450.326(a).

We are approving the 2017 FSTIP with the understanding that the eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all FHWA and FTA funding requirements. This joint FHWA and FTA approval of the FSTIP does not constitute an eligibility determination for the federal funds proposed for obligation on the listed projects.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval of the 2017 FSTIP, please contact Wade Hobbs in the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by email at [Wade.Hobbs@dot.gov](mailto:Wade.Hobbs@dot.gov); or Ted Matley in the FTA Region IX office at (415) 744-2590, or by email at [Ted.Matley@dot.gov](mailto:Ted.Matley@dot.gov).

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