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2015 TIP Detail

Approval Letters





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2015 FSTIP FEDERAL APPROVAL LETTER



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December 15, 2014

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SUBJECT: Approval of the 2015 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Ms. Falsetti:

We have completed our review of California's proposed 2014/15 - 2018/19 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (2015 FSTIP) and Statewide and Metropolitan Planning Certifications and related supporting documentation submitted by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) on November 15, 2014. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approve the 2015 FSTIP and this approval supersedes California's 2013 FSTIP and all subsequent amendments to the 2013 FSTIP that were approved by the FHWA and FTA on or after December 14, 2012.

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 2015 FSTIP includes the project and project phase listings for proposed transportation projects located outside the planning area boundaries of the the State's designated Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). California's proposed 2015 FSTIP also incorporates, by reference, those projects included in 2015 Federal Transportation Improvements Programs (FTIPs) that were adopted in 2014 by the eighteen designated MPOs in California. This approval includes the eight MPO 2015 FTIP Amendments adopted prior to the FSTIP public review period.

The FHWA and the FTA have completed the air quality conformity determinations required by 23 CFR 450.216(b) for the MPO FTIPs in areas of the State designated as nonattainment or maintenance for national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS).

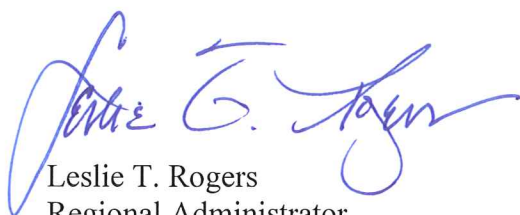
Based on our review of the information submitted with the State's proposed 2015 FSTIP, including revenue and proposed project funding information required to demonstrate financial constraint, and documentation for statewide and metropolitan planning process in support of California's Statewide Planning Certification, we are approving the 2015 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 §§450.216(k) and 450.324(g).


Our FSTIP approval action includes project listings that indicate no funds are proposed for obligation during the four-year program period from 2014/15 to 2018/19. 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 450.216(l) and 450.328(e). Further, project or project phase funding included in the 2015 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 §§450.216(a) and 450.324(a).

We are approving the 2015 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 2015 FSTIP, please contact Wade Hobbs in the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by email at 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.

Sincerely,



Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator
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For
Vincent P. Mammano
Division Administrator
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FEDERAL APPROVAL OF CONFORMITY DETERMINATION



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SUBJECT: Conformity Determination for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Mr. Heminger:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the conformity determination for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). A FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination is required for the new 2015 FTIP pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the United States Department of Transportation's *Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Planning*, 23 CFR Part 450.

On September 24, 2014, MTC adopted the 2015 FTIP and made the corresponding conformity determination via Resolution No. 3757. The conformity analysis submitted indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, and after consultation with the EPA Region 9 office, we find that the 2015 FTIP conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. In addition, we find that the 2015 FTIP is consistent with the Plan Bay Area, MTC's Regional Transportation Plan. In accordance with the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, the FTA has concurred with this conformity determination.

In accordance with the above MOU, the FHWA's single signature constitutes FHWA and FTA's joint air quality conformity determination for the MTC 2015 FTIP. If you have any questions pertaining to this conformity finding, please contact Jack Lord, FHWA, at (916) 498-5888, or by email at jack.lord@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

For: Vincent P. Mammano
Division Administrator

2015 FSTIP STATE APPROVAL LETTER

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November 14, 2014

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Dear Mr. Mammano and Mr. Rogers:

In accordance with Section 450.218 of Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is submitting for your joint approval the State of California's 2015 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). The 2015 FSTIP covers a four-year period, Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2014/15 through 2017/18, which incorporates by reference projects listed in the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Programs and includes the listings of proposed transportation projects in the rural non- MPO areas of the state.

I certify that the 2015 FSTIP was developed in accordance with the applicable requirements of the federal transportation statutes and in compliance with Title 23 CFR 450. 216. Under the authority delegated to me by the Governor, I approve the inclusion of the MPO's 2015 FTIPs into the 2015 FSTIP. Thank you and your staff for your cooperation and assistance during the development of this FSTIP, I look forward to your approval.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact my office at (916) 654-6130.

Sincerely,


for MALCOLM DOUGHERTY
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Enclosure

c: MPO Executive Directors
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