

San Luis Obispo Council of Governments



Regional Transportation Planning Agency
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Census Data Affiliate
Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways

Arroyo Grande
Atascadero
Grover Beach
Morro Bay
Paso Robles
Pismo Beach
San Luis Obispo
San Luis Obispo County

July 18, 2005

Gregg Albright, District Director
Caltrans D5
50 Higuera St.
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

RE: SLOCOG 2005 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Dear Mr. Albright:

The San Luis Obispo Council of Governments formally adopted Vision 2025 – A Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for San Luis Obispo County, on April 6, 2005. An executed copy of the SLOCOG authorizing resolution, Resolution # 05-02, is attached along with the final copy of Vision 2025.

We are grateful for the thorough review and input provided by Caltrans District 5 on this planning effort. In turn, Vision 2025 is in compliance with the guidelines for the preparation of RTP approved by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in December 2003. The RTP checklist requested by the CTC is attached to this letter.

Should you have any questions about this submittal, please do not hesitate to call Richard Murphy at (805)781-4219 or email rmurphy@slocog.org.

Respectfully,

Ronald L. DeCarli
Executive Director

Enclosures

Cc:

Diane Eidam, CTC
Sue Kiser, FHWA
Paul Page, FTA

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 05- 02

RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY THE ADDENDUM TO THE 2001 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) AND ADOPT THE 2005 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) OF THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.

The following Resolution is now offered:

WHEREAS, the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) is an entity formed as a Joint Powers Agreement between the cities and county of San Luis Obispo and acts as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency and the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the San Luis Obispo Region; and

WHEREAS, Federal and State legislation and regulations require the SLOCOG to adopt a transportation plan and improvement program, known as the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and

WHEREAS, SLOCOG staff presented draft chapters and plan elements to advisory committees, to councils and the SLOCOG Board for review and comment, and conducted regional workshops over the past year; and

WHEREAS, the 2005 San Luis Obispo Regional Transportation Plan and the accompanying Addendum to the 2001 Environmental Impact Report (EIR) were prepared in accordance with Federal and State requirements and guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Section 15164 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) permits a lead agency or responsible agency to prepare an Addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 triggering a Subsequent or Supplemental EIR have occurred; and

WHEREAS, the Addendum to the EIR contains only minor changes and additions necessary to make the previous EIR adequate, and the changes made by the addendum do not raise important new issues about the significant effects on the environment.

WHEREAS, the RTP and EIR Addendum were distributed to the local cities and the County of San Luis Obispo, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Authority, major libraries, standing SLOCOG advisory committees, and made available on the world wide web, through newsletter publications and to other adjacent Regional Transportation Planning Agencies; and

WHEREAS, the RTP and EIR Addendum were duly noticed in compliance with State law, including a thirty day comment period for the EIR Addendum; and

WHEREAS, public hearings have been duly advertised and held on March 2, 2005 and April 6, 2005; and

WHEREAS, SLOCOG will receive and incorporate the "Responses to Comments" and modifications to the Draft Addendum to the 2001 EIR as described in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Mitigation and Monitoring Plan as described in the 2001 EIR and summarized in the Addendum to the 2001 EIR still apply; and

WHEREAS, the "Findings" for each of the impacts as described in the 2001 EIR and summarized in the Addendum to the 2001 EIR still apply; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments:

Certifies that the Addendum to the 2001 EIR complies with the California Environmental Quality Act and is hereby certified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments formally adopts the 2005 Regional Transportation Plan, together with minor revisions in Exhibit A as also adopted during the March 2, 2005 meeting.

On a motion by Board Member OVITT, seconded by Board Member MECHAM, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:


AYES: Achadjian, Bianchi, Ferrara, Luna, Mecham, Ovitt, Reiss, Romero, Shoals.

NOES: Patterson & Winholtz

ABSENT: Lenthall

ABSTAIN: None.

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted on the 6th day of April, 2005.



Shirley Bianchi, President
San Luis Obispo Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Ronald De Carli

Ronald De Carli, Executive Director
San Luis Obispo Council of Governments

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT:

By: Jac Crawford
Jac Crawford, SLOCOG Counsel

Date: 3/31/05