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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
California Department of Transportation
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Attention: Federal Resources Office, Room 3500
For Ross A. Chittenden, Division of Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: SANDAG 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 1

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 1 to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated November 29, 2004. The SANDAG Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2005-09 on October 15, 2004, approving these RTIP modifications and reaffirming the conformity of the transportation improvement program with the 1998 Regional Air Quality Strategy/1992 State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. As detailed in the enclosure to your letter, this SANDAG RTIP amendment proposes to remove four projects, add 27 projects, and modify 53 project listings in the triennial element of California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Based on our review, Amendment No. 1 to the SANDAG RTIP increases RTIP/FSTIP funding commitments to projects in the SANDAG region by \$57.613 million in year 2004/05, \$78.138 million in year 2005/06, and \$2.778 million in year 2006/07.

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 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the SANDAG region in accordance with the Federal statewide and metropolitan transportation planning regulations codified in 23 CFR Part 450. We find that SANDAG's 2004 RTIP, including Amendment No. 1, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 USC §134 and 49 USC Chapter 53. This approval is provided with the understanding that FTA funding approval on the individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.



In our letter to SANDAG dated December 8, 2004, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) made a joint air quality conformity determination for the amended SANDAG 2004 RTIP. The joint FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination for the amended RTIP is required by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Rule, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the FHWA/FTA Metropolitan Planning Regulations, 23 CFR Part 450.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our FSTIP approval for this SANDAG RTIP amendment, please contact Wade Hobbs of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by email at wade.hobbs@fhwa.dot.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

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