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March 1, 2005

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Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
201 Mission Street, Suite 2210
San Francisco, CA 94105

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) 2004/5-2008/09 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 5 | Transit Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adds or modifies various projects from various funding programs in San Diego County. The amendment includes projects with funding from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307, 5309 and 5311 programs. See enclosure. |

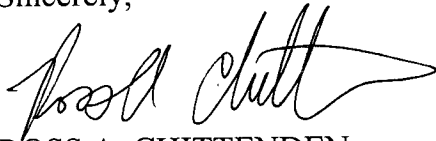
I am also recommending that the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 5 for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only.

The updated programming has been found by SANDAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by SANDAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS).

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. SANDAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,



ROSS A. CHITTENDEN

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

- c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Gary Gallegos - San Diego Association of Governments
- Sookyung Kim - San Diego Association of Governments
- Rachel Falsetti - Caltrans
- Abhijit Bagde - Caltrans