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Attention: Federal Resources Office, M.S. 82  
For Rachel Falsetti, Division of Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

**SUBJECT: SANDAG 2006 RTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 15**

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 15 to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated June 20, 2008. The SANDAG Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2008-26 on May 16, 2008, approving this RTIP modification and reaffirming the conformity of the transportation improvement program with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. As detailed in the enclosure to your letter, this SANDAG RTIP amendment proposes to modify the source and/or amount of funding for 22 projects currently listed in the 2006 RTIP and FSTIP, revise the project scope for the previously listed Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Program project, and to add two new project listings to the RTIP/FSTIP for bike/pedestrian safety improvements in the City of Solana Beach.

We find that the SANDAG 2006 RTIP, including Amendment No. 15, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. §134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53. We have determined that the adopted modifications to the SANDAG RTIP, including the addition of new bike/pedestrian projects in Solana Beach, are exempt from the regional emissions analysis requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Transportation Conformity Rule as amended. Our transportation planning and air quality conformity findings have been coordinated with the regional offices of the U.S. EPA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). We are approving this amendment to the 2006 FSTIP for the SANDAG region in accord with the July 15, 2004, Memorandum of Understanding between the FHWA, California Division and the FTA, Region IX.

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Based on our review of the RTIP financial constraint documentation that was submitted with this amendment, we have determined that the amended RTIP is financially constrained as required by the Federal surface transportation programs authorizing legislation and statewide and metropolitan planning and programming regulations.

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](mailto:wade.hobbs@fhwa.dot.gov), or Hymie Luden of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 744-2732, or by email at [hymie.luden@fta.dot.gov](mailto:hymie.luden@fta.dot.gov).

Sincerely,

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