December 12, 2007

TO: San Diego Region Conformity Working Group

FROM: Rachel Kennedy


The San Diego Region Conformity Working Group (CWG) Meeting, originally scheduled for Wednesday, December 19, 2007, has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting date is Wednesday, January 16, 2008, from 10:30 to noon.

On November 30, 2007, the SANDAG Board of Directors certified the Final Environmental Impact Report for the 2030 San Diego Regional Transportation Plan: Pathways for the Future (RTP), and adopted the Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and found the 2030 RTP Revenue Constrained Plan and the 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 9 in conformance with the State Implementation Plans for air quality; and adopted the 2030 RTP.

On December 10, 2007, FHWA and FTA found the 2030 RTP and the 2006 RTIP through Amendment No. 9 in conformity with the applicable State Implementation Plans for air quality.

Please contact me at (619) 699-1929 or by e-mail at rke@sandag.org if you have any questions.

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Attachment: U.S. Department of Transportation Letter: Conformity Determination for SANDAG’s 2030 RTP and 2006 RTIP through Amendment No. 9
Mr. Gary Gallegos, Executive Director  
San Diego Association of Governments  
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San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Mr. Gallegos:

SUBJECT: Conformity Determination for SANDAG’s 2030 RTP and 2006 RTIP through Amendment #9

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the conformity determination for the San Diego Association of Governments’ 2030 San Diego Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) through Amendment #9. A joint FTA/FHWA air quality conformity determination is required for the updated RTP and amended TIP per the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93 and the FHWA/FTA Metropolitan Planning Rule, 23 CFR 450.

The SANDAG adopted the RTP, TIP as amended and corresponding conformity determinations on November 30, 2007. The conformity analysis submitted by SANDAG indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, we find that the RTP and TIP through Amendment #9 conform to the applicable state implementation plan in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. 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. Additionally, this approval was made after consultation with the EPA, Region 9 office.

In accordance with the above MOU, the FHWA’s single signature constitutes FHWA and FTA’s joint air quality conformity determination for SANDAG’s RTP and TIP as amended. If you have any questions pertaining to this conformity finding, please contact Ms. Jean Mazur, FHWA, at (916) 498-5732.

Sincerely,

/s/ Steve Luxenberg

For  
Gene K. Fong  
Division Administrator