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

Dear Mr. Iwasaki:

SUBJECT: SANDAG 2008/09 – 2011/12 RTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 15

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 15 to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) 2008/09 – 2011/12 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated October 29, 2009. The SANDAG Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2010-04 on October 16, 2009, 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 your letter's enclosure, this SANDAG RTIP amendment adds eight (8) new project listings, removes one (1) project listing, and modifies 64 project listings that were previously approved for inclusion in the 2008/09 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

This letter constitutes approval to incorporate SANDAG RTIP Amendment No. 15 into the 2008/09 FSTIP with the understanding that the eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all administrative requirements. Pursuant to the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the FHWA, California Division, and the FTA, Region IX*, we accept these FSTIP modifications for the SANDAG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning that was published in the February 14, 2007, Federal Register. We find that the SANDAG 2008/09 – 2011/12 RTIP, including Amendment No. 15, was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. § 134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53. We have determined that the added project listings and modifications to the previously listed projects in the SANDAG RTIP are exempt from the regional emissions analysis requirements of the U.S.



Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Transportation Conformity Rule as amended. The metropolitan transportation planning and regional air quality conformity findings have been coordinated with the regional offices of the U.S. EPA and FTA.

Based on our review of the RTIP financial constraint documentation submitted with the subject amendment, we have determined that the amended RTIP is financially constrained as required by the Federal surface transportation programs authorizing legislation, 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 Michael Morris of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5887, or by email at michael.morris@dot.gov; or Hymie Luden of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 744-2732, or by email at hymie.luden@fta.dot.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

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