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

Dear Ms. McKim:

**SUBJECT: SANDAG 2008/09 RTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 23 AND ASSOCIATED
AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 23 to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) 2008/09 Regional transportation improvement program (RTIP) and Federal statewide transportation improvement program (FSTIP) that was submitted by electronically by SANDAG on July 23, 2010. The SANDAG Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2011-02 on July 23, 2010, approving these RTIP modifications and reaffirming the conformity of the transportation improvement program with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. As detailed in the documentation provided by SANDAG, this amendment adds one new project listings, eastbound State Route 78 (SR 78) Auxiliary lanes with a total project cost of \$14.5 million, for inclusion in the 2008/09 FSTIP.

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 the modifications to the 2008/09 – 2011/12 FSTIP for the SANDAG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan transportation Planning published in the February 14, 2007, Federal Register. We find that the SANDAG FY 2008/09 RTIP, through Amendment No. 23, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accord with the metropolitan planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134, and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as amended by Section 6001 of Public Law 109-59, the *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users* (SAFETEA-LU).



This amendment acceptance is pursuant to a joint FHWA and FTA air quality conformity determination for the amended SANDAG 2008/09 RTIP. This joint FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination for the amended SANDAG 2008/09 RTIP is required by the U.S. 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. This finding has been coordinated with EPA Region 9 in accordance with the procedures outlined in the National Memorandum of Understanding between DOT and EPA on Transportation Conformity, dated April 25, 2000. Therefore, we find that SANDAG's 2008/09 RTIP through Amendment No. 23 conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

If you have any questions concerning this FSTIP programming approval, please contact Wade Hobbs in the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by email at wade.hobbs@dot.gov. If you have questions regarding the associated air quality conformity determination for this amendment, please contact Stew Sonnenberg in the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5066, or by email at Stew.Sonnenberg@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

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