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

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: SANDAG 2008/09 RTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 1

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 1 to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated December 18, 2008. The SANDAG Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2009-07 on November 7, 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 23 projects currently listed in the 2008 RTIP and California's Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), and to add twelve new project listings to the 2008/09 RTIP and FSTIP.

We find that the SANDAG 2008 RTIP, including Amendment No. 1, 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 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 Federal Transit Administration (FTA). By letter dated December 30, 2008, the Federal Transit Administration Region IX office approved the inclusion of the Transit Element projects included in SANDAG Amendment No. 1 into the California 2008/09 FSTIP. This letter constitutes approval of the State and Local Highway Element projects into the FSTIP.

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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 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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