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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. 10

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 10 to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated May 19, 2009. The SANDAG Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2009-25 on May 1, 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 the enclosure to your letter, this SANDAG RTIP amendment adds six new project listings and modifies 35 project listings previously approved for inclusion in the 2008/09 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Pursuant to 23 CFR 450.324(a) and 450.216(s), the modifications proposed to FTIP/FSTIP listing for the Valley Center Road Widening project (MPO ID: CNTY41) are beyond the four year FTIP/FSTIP cycle and are therefore accepted by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration as informational.

This letter constitutes approval to incorporate SANDAG RTIP amendment number 10 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 Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, 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 RTIP, including Amendment No. 12, 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 added project listings and modifications to the



previously listed project 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 Federal Transit Administration (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 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@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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