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To Whom It May Concern:

SUBJECT: Administrative Modification No. 7 to the 2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

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On June 7 2013, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Transportation Committee approved Amendment No. 7 – Administrative Modification to the 2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP); however, upon further review it was determined that the changes made to project CAL46B do not conform to the guidelines for an administrative modification. The change proposed in this project exceeds the threshold of an administrative modification and although it was part of the staff report approved by the SANDAG Transportation Committee, we are seeking exclusion for this project for state approval.

The SANDAG Board of Directors has authorized staff to exclude specific projects in an amendment. This language is included in the 2012 RTIP document (Chapter 2) as follows:

“There are circumstances, however, in which SANDAG may need to revise the amended projects after SANDAG approval should Caltrans object to the approval of a specific project. In such instances, SANDAG can revise the original submittal and resubmit the amendment.”

Therefore SANDAG is requesting state approval of projects included in Amendment No. 7, excluding CAL46B. The changes made in CAL46B will be included in the next formal amendment to the 2012 RTIP which is scheduled to be approved by the SANDAG Transportation Committee on July 19, 2013.

Sincerely,

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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

June 7, 2013

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **4**

Action Requested: APPROVE

2012 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:
AMENDMENT NO. 7 – ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION

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Introduction

On September 28, 2012, the Board of Directors adopted the 2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (2012 RTIP), the multiyear program of proposed major transportation projects, including transit, highway, arterial and bikeway projects, in the San Diego region covering the period FY 2013 to FY 2017. The 2012 RTIP is a multibillion dollar program of projects funded by federal, state, *TransNet* local sales tax, and other local funding sources. The 2013 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), which incorporates the SANDAG 2012 RTIP, received federal approval on December 14, 2012.

Recommendation

The Transportation Committee is asked to approve Amendment No. 7 – Administrative Modification to the 2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. Approval for the Balboa Park Historic Preservation project (CAL73) is contingent upon approval by the California Transportation Commission.

Background

There are two types of processes to update the RTIP: administrative modifications and formal amendments. Formal amendments require, among other things, a 15-day public notice period, while administrative modification are considered minor in nature and do not require a public notice period. Chapter 2 of the adopted 2012 RTIP provides additional details regarding the differences between formal amendments and administrative modifications. Amendment No. 7 is considered an administrative modification because it is consistent with the federally accepted administrative modification procedures. The federal agencies delegated the approval of administrative modifications to the state, thereby streamlining the approval process.

Discussion

SANDAG is processing an amendment at the request of Caltrans and the City of Chula Vista. The Balboa Historic Preservation project funding changes must be approved by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). CTC consideration of this project is currently scheduled for June 11, 2013. If this project is not approved by the CTC, the remaining projects included in the amendment will proceed through the approval process upon Transportation Committee approval.

The proposed revisions to these projects are described below. Additional information is included in Table 1 (Attachment 1).

Caltrans

- **Grouped Projects for Safety Improvements – State Highway Operations Protection Program (SHOPP) Collision Reduction (CR) Program (CAL46B)** – This amendment proposes to add five new SHOPP projects to this grouped listing. Total programmed increases to \$183,463,000.
- **Grouped Projects for Bridge Preservation (CAL46D)** – This amendment proposes to add one new SHOPP project to this grouped listing. Total programmed increases to \$35,354,000.
- **Balboa Park Historic Preservation – Phase 2 (CAL73)** – This amendment proposes to increase federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds to this project. The increase in TE funds would fully fund the construction phase of this project, allowing Caltrans to move forward with the obligation process.

As a 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) TE Fund program, any changes including funding must be approved by the CTC. The programming and allocation of the STIP-TE funds are scheduled for the June 11, 2013, CTC meeting. An initial review of the proposal by the CTC at its May meeting did not generate any comments. This proposed amendment would take effect only after the CTC has approved the programming of the funds. Total project increases to \$6,319,000.

City of Chula Vista

- **Chula Vista Nature Center Road Repavement Project (CHV62)** – This amendment proposes to revise funding between phases in order to allow the City of Chula Vista to request funds and begin the construction phase for this project. Total project remains at \$500,000.

Fiscal Constraint Analysis

Federal regulations require the 2012 RTIP to be a revenue-constrained document with programmed projects based upon available or committed funding and/or reasonable estimates of future funding. Funding assumptions are generally based upon: (1) authorized or appropriated levels of federal and state funding from current legislation; (2) conservative projections of future federal and state funding based upon a continuation of current funding levels; (3) the most current revenue forecasts for the *TransNet* program; and (4) the planning and programming documents of the local transportation providers.

As an administrative modification, an updated fiscal constraint analysis is not required. The proposed change included in Amendment No. 7 does not affect the fiscal constraint submitted as part of Amendment No. 5 to the 2012 RTIP; the last federally approved formal amendment that updated the financial capacity for the 2012 RTIP. Chapter 4 of the Final 2012 RTIP discusses in detail the financial capacity analysis of major program areas, including discussion of available revenues. The 2012 RTIP, including Amendment No. 7, continues to be reasonable when considering available funding sources.

Air Quality Analysis

On September 28, 2012, SANDAG found the 2012 RTIP in conformance with the Regional Air Quality Strategy/State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the San Diego region. All of the required regionally significant capacity increasing projects were included in the quantitative emissions analysis conducted for the 2050 San Diego Regional Transportation Plan: Our Region Our Future (2050 RTP) and the 2012 RTIP. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) jointly approved the conformity determination for the 2012 RTIP and the conformity redetermination for the 2050 RTP on December 14, 2012. On May 24, 2013, the Board of Directors approved the 2012 RTIP, Amendment No. 2, including the air quality conformity analysis and redetermination of the 2050 Revenue Constrained RTP; federal approval pending.

The proposed amendment does not reflect a change in the design, concept, or scope of the project or the conformity analysis years as modeled for the regional emissions analysis of the 2012 RTIP and 2050 RTP. Projects in Amendment No. 7 meet the conformity provisions of the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR §93.122(g)). SANDAG followed interagency consultation procedures to determine that these projects are exempt. Amendment No. 7 does not interfere with the timely implementation of Transportation Control Measures. The 2012 RTIP, including Amendment No. 7, remains in conformance with the SIP.

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Attachment: 1. Table 1, 2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program, Amendment No. 7 –
Administrative Modification

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Table 1
2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment No. 7
San Diego Region (in \$000s)

Caltrans

MPO ID: CAL46B			RTIP #:12-07							
Project Title:	Grouped Projects for Safety Improvements - SHOPP Collision Reduction (CR) Program									
Project Description:	Projects are consistent with 40 CFR Parts 93.126 and 93.127 Exempt Tables 2 and 3 categories -railroad/highway crossing, safer non-federal-aid system roads, shoulder improvements, traffic control devices and operating assistance other than signalization projects, intersection signalization projects at individual intersections, pavement marking demonstration, truck climbing lanes outside the urbanized area, lighting improvements, emergency truck pullovers									
Change Reason:	Increase funding									
Capacity Status:NCI			Exempt Category:Safety - Pavement marking demonstration							
Est Total Cost: \$183,463										
	TOTAL	PRIOR	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	PE	RW	CON
SHOPP - CR - NHS (AC)	\$17,930			\$6,960		\$10,970				\$17,930
SHOPP - CR - STP (AC)	\$165,533		\$85,519	\$21,974	\$16,240	\$41,800				\$165,533
TOTAL	\$183,463		\$85,519	\$28,934	\$16,240	\$52,770				\$183,463
PROJECT LAST AMENDED 12-05										
	TOTAL	PRIOR	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	PE	RW	CON
SHOPP - CR - NHS (AC)	\$6,960			\$6,960						\$6,960
SHOPP - CR - STP (AC)	\$144,999		\$85,519	\$21,974	\$16,240	\$21,266				\$144,999
TOTAL	\$151,959		\$85,519	\$28,934	\$16,240	\$21,266				\$151,959

MPO ID: CAL46D			RTIP #:12-07							
Project Title:	Grouped Projects for Bridge Preservation									
Project Description:	Projects are consistent with 40 CFR Part 93.126 Exempt Table 2 category - widening narrow pavements or reconstructing bridges (no additional lanes)									
Change Reason:	Increase funding									
Capacity Status:NCI			Exempt Category:Safety - Non capacity widening or bridge reconstruction							
Est Total Cost: \$35,354										
	TOTAL	PRIOR	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	PE	RW	CON
SHOPP (AC)-Brdg Presrv (HBP)	\$35,354		\$2,727		\$32,627					\$35,354
TOTAL	\$35,354		\$2,727		\$32,627					\$35,354
PROJECT LAST AMENDED 12-01										
	TOTAL	PRIOR	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	PE	RW	CON
SHOPP (AC)-Brdg Presrv (HBP)	\$35,139		\$2,512		\$32,627					\$35,139
TOTAL	\$35,139		\$2,512		\$32,627					\$35,139

**2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment No. 7
San Diego Region (in \$000s)**

Caltrans

MPO ID: CAL73							RTIP #:12-07			
Project Title:	Balboa Park Historic Preservation - Phase 2						EA NO: 26501			
Project Description:	From A Street to 6th - In the city of San Diego, from A Street to 0.2 mile north of Sixth Avenue undercrossing, restore and enhance the historical and scenic integrity of the route.. Toll Credits of \$133 will be used to match FY12 federal funds for the PE phase, Toll Credits of \$3 will be used to match FY13 federal funds for the ROW phase, Toll Credits of \$683 will be used to match FY13 federal funds for the CON phase						PPNO: 1008			
Change Reason:	Increase funding									
RT:163	Capacity Status:NCI		Exempt Category:Other - Transportation enhancement activities							
Est Total Cost: \$6,319										
	TOTAL	PRIOR	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	PE	RW	CON
STIP-IIP STP TE	\$6,319	\$1,027	\$5,292					\$1,027	\$20	\$5,272
TOTAL	\$6,319	\$1,027	\$5,292					\$1,027	\$20	\$5,272
PROJECT LAST AMENDED 12-01										
	TOTAL	PRIOR	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	PE	RW	CON
STIP-IIP STP TE	\$5,301	\$705	\$4,596					\$705	\$20	\$4,576
TOTAL	\$5,301	\$705	\$4,596					\$705	\$20	\$4,576

**2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment No. 7
San Diego Region (in \$000s)**

Chula Vista, City of

MPO ID: CHV62		RTIP #:12-07								
Project Title:	Chula Vista Nature Center Road Repavement Project									
Project Description:	Gunpowder Point Drive from E Street to West cul-de-sac - overlay of Gunpowder Point Drive, which provides access to the Chula Vista Nature Center and proposed Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, and installation of underground water service									
Change Reason:	Revise funding between phases									
Capacity Status:NCI		Exempt Category:Safety - Pavement resurfacing and/or rehabilitation								
Est Total Cost: \$500										
	TOTAL	PRIOR	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	PE	RW	CON
PLH	\$500		\$500					\$85		\$415
TOTAL	\$500		\$500					\$85		\$415
PROJECT LAST AMENDED 12-00										
	TOTAL	PRIOR	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	PE	RW	CON
PLH	\$500		\$500					\$150		\$350
TOTAL	\$500		\$500					\$150		\$350

**2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment No. 7
San Diego Region (in \$000s)**

RTIP Fund Types

<i>Federal Funding</i>	
HBP	Highway Bridge Program under SAFETEA-LU
NHS	National Highway System (administered by Caltrans)
PLH	Public Lands Highway
TE	Transportation Enhancement Program
<i>State Funding</i>	
SHOPP	State Highway Operation & Protection Program
STIP-IIP	State Transportation Improvement Program - Interregional Program