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SUBJECT: SANDAG 2013 FTIP AMENDMENT NO. 2 AND 2050 RTP CONFORMITY
DETERMINATION

Dear Mr. Gallegos and Ms. Falsetti:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 2 to the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) 2012/13 – 2015/16 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and accompanied 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) conformity analysis, submitted by your letter dated June 10, 2013. As detailed in your letter's enclosure, this amendment requests to add one (1) individual project listing to SANDAG's FTIP – and to modify five (5) individual project listings previously approved for inclusion in the FTIP and SANDAG's RTP.

Acceptance of this amendment requires a joint FHWA and FTA air quality conformity determination be made – as necessary per the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Rule, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 51 and 93; and as required by FHWA/FTA's Metropolitan Planning Regulations, 23 CFR Part 450. Pursuant 40 CFR 93.102(d), this conformity determination fulfills the 8-hour ozone standard July 20, 2013 completion requirement. Amendment approval and the air quality conformity determination have been coordinated with Region IX of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the *National Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Transportation (DOT) and EPA on Transportation Conformity*, dated April 25, 2000. Accordingly, we find that SANDAG's FTIP, including Amendment No. 2 and RTP, conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

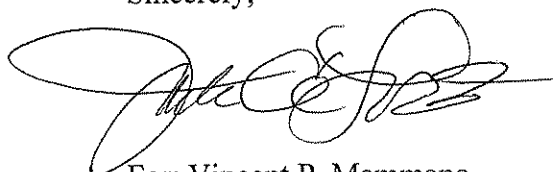
Pursuant the July 15, 2004 *MOU, between the FHWA – California Division and FTA – Region IX*, and based on our review of information submitted with the State's proposed 2012/13 – 2015/16 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), which includes revenues, proposed project funding information to demonstrate financial constraint, and statewide and metropolitan planning process documentation, we accept these modifications to the FSTIP and SANDAG's RTP proposed 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 have determined the amended SANDAG FTIP, including Amendment No. 2, is financially constrained as required by the Federal surface transportation programs authorizing legislation and statewide planning, metropolitan planning, and programming regulations. SANDAG's FTIP was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53.

Approval is provided with understanding that eligibility determination of individual projects for funding must be met, and the applicant must ensure satisfaction of all administrative and statutory requirements. If you would have questions or need additional information concerning our FSTIP approval for this SANDAG FTIP amendment, please contact Michael Morris of the FHWA California Division's Cal-South office at (213) 894-4014, or by email at michael.morris@dot.gov; or Alex Smith of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 744-2599, or by email at alex.smith@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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