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**SUBJECT: SANDAG 2015 FTIP AMENDMENT NO. 1 AND CONFORMITY
DETERMINATION**

Dear Mr. de Terra:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 1 to the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) 2015 – 2018 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), which was submitted by your letter dated February 6, 2015. As detailed in your letter's enclosure, this amendment requests to add three (3) new individual and two (2) group project listings to SCAG's FTIP and to modify thirty-four (34) individual and eight (8) group project listings with removal of one (1) individual project listing previously approved for California Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) inclusion.

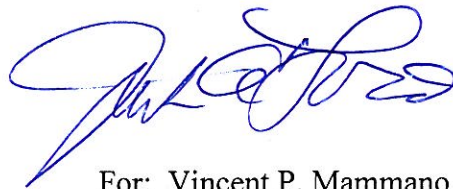
We have determined that the project listings from this amendment are from SANDAG's adopted *2050 San Diego Regional Transportation Plan: Our Region Our Future*, and that the modifications requested rely on a previous regional emissions analysis. Acceptance of this amendment and the air quality conformity 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 2015 – 2018 FTIP, including Amendment No. 1, 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 2015 – 2018 FSTIP, which includes revenues, proposed project funding information to demonstrate financial constraint, and statewide and metropolitan planning process documentation, we accept this FSTIP modification 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. 1, 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.

We are approving SANDAG's FTIP with understanding that eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all administrative and statutory requirements. This joint FHWA and FTA approval of the FSTIP is unable to constitute an eligibility determination for the federal funds proposed for obligation on the listed projects. If you would have any 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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