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Attn: Muhaned Aljabiry

Dear Mr. Aljabiry:

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Administrative Modification Amendment No. 6 to the 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program for the San Diego Association of Governments

The following Administrative Modification Amendment No. 6 to the 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) for the San Diego Association of Governments is being transmitted to you for state approval. The Board of Directors ratified the September 4, 2015, Transportation Committee action at their meeting on September 11, 2015, approving this amendment. This amendment includes changes to one project within San Diego County and includes programming of Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 funding for the North County Transit District.

The project changes and additions in Administrative Modification Amendment No. 6 do not affect air quality conformity. The proposed amendment does not reflect any changes in the design, concept, or scope of the project or the conformity analysis years as modeled for the regional emissions analysis of the 2014 RTIP and 2050 Regional Transportation Plan. The projects contained within Administrative Modification Amendment No. 6 to the 2014 RTIP are fiscally constrained based upon available or committed funding and/or reasonable estimates of future funding.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (619) 595-5346 or dawn.vettese@sandag.org.

Sincerely,

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- Attachments:**
1. Transportation Committee Staff Report
 2. List of Projects for Amendment No. 6
 3. Summary of Changes for Amendment No. 6

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**2014 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM: AMENDMENT No. 6 - ADMINISTRATIVE
MODIFICATION**

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Introduction

On September 26, 2014, the Board of Directors adopted the 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), the multiyear program of proposed major transportation projects in the San Diego region covering the period FY 2015 to FY 2019. The 2014 RTIP is a multibillion dollar program of projects funded by federal, state, *TransNet* local sales tax, and other local funding sources. The 2015 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), which incorporates the SANDAG 2014 RTIP, received federal approval on December 15, 2014.

Recommendation

The Transportation Committee is asked to approve Amendment No. 6 – Administrative Modification to the 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

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 modifications are considered minor in nature and do not require a public notice period. Chapter 2 of the adopted 2014 RTIP provides additional details regarding the differences between formal amendments and administrative modifications. Amendment No. 6 is considered an administrative modification because the programming for each project is increasing by less than 40 percent, or \$10 million, which is consistent with the federally accepted administrative modification procedures.

SANDAG is processing Amendment No. 6 to the 2014 RTIP as an administrative modification due to timing-related issues related to federal funding. The federal agencies delegated the approval of administrative modifications to the state, thereby streamlining the approval process.

Discussion

There is one project proposed to be amended as described below with further programming details included in Table 1 (Attachment 1). SANDAG received notification from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that \$469,778 in Section 5309 Fixed Guideway Modernization program is available from Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012 apportionment. By agreement this formula program is divided between Metropolitan Transit System (70%) and North County Transit District (30%).

However, this FFY 2012 funding is due to lapse in September and FTA staff requested that only one agency submit an application. The two transit agencies conferred and agreed that NCTD would apply for the entire amount. The share that is attributable to MTS would be added as part of the FFY 2016 allocations and reflected in the "Transit Revenues Estimates" reports to the Transportation Committee and Board scheduled for February 2016.

North County Transit District

Rail – ROW Improvements (NCTD18) – This amendment proposes to program \$469,778 of FTA Section 5309 Fixed Guideway Modernization and \$117,445 of North County Transit District local matching funds for a bridge repair project in the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor. The total project increases by \$587,223 bringing the new total to approximately \$8,677,000.

Fiscal Constraint Analysis

Federal regulations require the 2014 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 changes included in Amendment No. 6 do not affect the fiscal constraint submitted as part of Amendment No. 3 to the 2014 RTIP, the last federally approved formal amendment that updated the financial capacity for the 2014 RTIP. Chapter 4 of the Final 2014 RTIP discusses in detail the financial capacity analysis of major program areas, including discussion of available revenues. The 2014 RTIP, including Amendment No. 6, continues to be reasonable when considering available funding sources.

Air Quality Analysis

On September 26, 2014, SANDAG found the 2014 RTIP in conformance with the Regional Air Quality Strategy/State Implementation Plan (SIP) and with the 2009 Regional Air Quality Strategy 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 2014 RTIP. The Federal Highway Administration and the FTA jointly approved the conformity determination for the 2014 RTIP and the conformity redetermination for the 2050 RTP on December 15, 2014.

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 2014 RTIP and 2050 RTP. Projects in the 2014 RTIP Amendment No. 6 meet the conformity provisions of the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR §93.122(g)). Capacity increasing projects are included in the quantitative emissions analysis conducted for the 2050 RTP and 2014 RTIP. All other projects not included in the air quality conformity analysis are either non-capacity increasing or are exempt from the requirement to determine conformity according to the Transportation Conformity Rule

(40 CFR §93.126). SANDAG followed interagency consultation procedures to determine which projects are exempt. Amendment 6 does not include any capacity increasing or non-exempt projects. Amendment No. 6 does not interfere with the timely implementation of Transportation Control Measures. The 2014 RTIP, including Amendment No. 6, remains in conformance with the SIP.

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TransNet Department Director

Attachment: 1. Table 1: 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program –
Amendment No. 6 – Administrative Modification

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Table 1
2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment No. 6
San Diego Region (in \$000s)

North County Transit District

MPO ID: NCTD18		RTIP #:14-06								
Project Title: Rail - ROW Improvements										
Project Description: NCTD service area - cross-tie renewal program, street cross protection, rail structure rehabilitation, rail replacement, storage tracks, rail lubricators, at-grade crossing renewal, turnout renewal, rehabilitation of bridges to maintain the track structure in a state of good repair, such as Bridge 243 repair, signal upgrades on right-of-way, and other misc. improvements										
Change Reason: Add new funding source, Increase funding										
Capacity Status:NCI		Exempt Category:Mass Transit - Track rehabilitation in existing right of way								
Est Total Cost: \$8,677										
	TOTAL	PRIOR	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	PE	RW	CON
FTA 5307	\$1,723		\$397				\$1,326			\$1,723
FTA 5309 (FG)	\$470		\$470							\$470
FTA 5337	\$4,749		\$4,749							\$4,749
Local Funds	\$1,735		\$1,404				\$331			\$1,735
TOTAL	\$8,677		\$7,020				\$1,657			\$8,677
PROJECT LAST AMENDED 14-02										
	TOTAL	PRIOR	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	PE	RW	CON
FTA 5307	\$1,723		\$397				\$1,326			\$1,723
FTA 5337	\$4,749		\$4,749							\$4,749
Local Funds	\$1,618		\$1,287				\$331			\$1,618
TOTAL	\$8,090		\$6,433				\$1,657			\$8,090

**2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment No. 6
San Diego Region (in \$000s)**

RTIP Fund Types

<i>Federal Funding</i>	
FTA Section 5307	Federal Transit Administration Urbanized Area Formula Program
FTA Section 5309 (FG)	Federal Transit Administration Fixed Guideway Modernization Formula Program
FTA Section 5337	Federal Transit Administration State of Good Repair Grant Program
IRR	Indian Reservation Roads program
<i>State Funding</i>	
STA	State Transit Assistance
TSM	Transportation Systems Management
<i>Local Funding</i>	
Local Funds AC	Local Funds - Advanced Construction; mechanism to advance local funds to be reimbursed at a later fiscal year with federal/state funds

SANDAG 2014 RTIP

Amendment No. 6

Summary of Changes

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2014 RTIP - Amendment No. 6**

LEAD AGENCY	PROJECT ID	PROJECT TITLE	PCT CHANGE	COST DIFFERENCE	COST BEFORE	COST REVISED	CHANGE NOTES
North County Transit District	NCTD18	Rail - ROW Improvements	7%	\$587,223	\$8,090,032	\$8,677,255	Add new funding source, Increase funding
			Total	\$587,223	\$8,090,032	\$8,677,255	