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SUBJECT: SANDAG 2017 FTIP AMENDMENT NO. 9 AND CONFORMITY  
DETERMINATION

Dear Mr. de Terra:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 9 to the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), which was submitted by your letter dated January 31, 2018. As detailed in your letter enclosed, this amendment requests to add one (1) new individual project listing to SANDAG's FTIP and to modify twenty-four (24) individual and seven (7) grouped project listings previously approved for California Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) inclusion.

We have determined the project listings from this amendment are from SANDAG's adopted 2015 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) – *San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan including SCS*, and the modifications requested rely on a previous regional emissions analysis. Amendment acceptance 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. SANDAG's 2017 FTIP, including Amendment No. 9, conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

Pursuant to the December 15, 2014 *Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the FHWA – California Division and FTA – Region IX*, and based on our review of information submitted with the State's proposed 2017 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 May 27, 2016 Federal Register. SANDAG's FTIP, including Amendment No. 9, 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 being given with the understanding that an eligibility determination for funding of individual projects must be met, and the applicant must ensure satisfaction of all administrative and statutory requirements. If you have questions or request additional information on our FSTIP approval for this SANDAG FTIP amendment, contact Michael Morris of the FHWA California Division's Cal-South office at (213) 894-4014, or by email at [michael.morris@dot.gov](mailto:michael.morris@dot.gov); or Alex Smith of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 734-9472, or by email at [alexander.smith@dot.gov](mailto:alexander.smith@dot.gov).

*/s/ Leslie T. Rogers*

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Sincerely,



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