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**SUBJECT: SANDAG 2019 FTIP AMENDMENT NO. 1 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. 1 to the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), which was submitted by your letter dated February 6, 2019. As detailed in your letter enclosure, this amendment requests to add five new individual project listings to SANDAG's FTIP, and to modify 36 individual and 11 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 9 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 2019 FTIP, including Amendment No. 1, conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

Pursuant to the February 14, 2018 *Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the FHWA – California Division and FTA – Region 9*, and based on our review of information submitted with the State's proposed 2018/19 – 2021/22 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 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 450 and 49 CFR Part 613 (see the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning published in the May 27,

2016 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 as amended by Public Law 114-94 (the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act).

Our approval is being given with understanding that an eligibility determination of individual projects for funding must be met, and the applicant must ensure satisfaction of all administrative and statutory requirements. If you have questions or would like additional information about our FSTIP approval for this amendment feel free to contact Michael Morris of the FHWA California Division's Cal-South Office at (213) 894-4014, or at [michael.morris@dot.gov](mailto:michael.morris@dot.gov); or Darin Allan of the FTA's Region 9 Office at (415) 734-9470, or at [darin.allan@dot.gov](mailto:darin.allan@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

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