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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
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Attention: Federal Resources Office, Room 3500
For Rachel Falsetti, Division of Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: SANDAG 2006 RTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 9

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) 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated December 10, 2007. The SANDAG Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2008-10 on November 30, 2007, approving this RTIP modification and reaffirming the conformity of the transportation improvement program with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

As detailed in the enclosure to your letter, this SANDAG RTIP amendment proposes to add 19 new project listings, delete or complete 6 project listings, and modify 41 project listings in California's 2006/07-2009/10 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Based on our review of the RTIP financial constraint documentation that was submitted with this amendment, we have determined that the amended RTIP is financially constrained as required by the Federal surface transportation programs authorizing legislation and statewide and metropolitan planning and programming regulations. We find that the SANDAG 2006 RTIP, including Amendment No. 9, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. §134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as amended by Section 6001 of Public Law 109-59, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

FHWA and FTA made a joint air quality conformity determination on the 2007 Update to the 2030 RTP and the 2006 RTIP through Amendment No. 9 in a separate letter dated December 10, 2007. Our transportation planning and air quality conformity findings have been coordinated

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with the regional offices of the U.S. EPA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). We are approving this amendment to the 2006 FSTIP for the SANDAG region in accord with the *July 15, 2004, Memorandum of Understanding between the FHWA, California Division and the FTA, Region IX*.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our FSTIP approval for this SANDAG RTIP amendment, please contact Wade Hobbs of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by email at wade.hobbs@fhwa.dot.gov; or Hymie Luden of the Federal Transit Administration at (415) 744-2590, or by email at hymie.luden@fta.dot.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

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SANDAG 2006 FTIP Binder

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