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Dear Ms. Falsetti:

SUBJECT: SANDAG 2013 FTIP AMENDMENT NO. 9 AND CONFORMITY DETERMINATION

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 9 to the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) 2012/13 – 2015/16 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, submitted by your letter dated October 25, 2013. As detailed in your letter's enclosure, this amendment requests to add four (4) individual and one (1) grouped project listings to SANDAG's FTIP, and to modify fourteen (14) individual and one (1) grouped project listings previously approved for California Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) inclusion.

We have determined the modified project listings from this amendment are from SANDAG's adopted 2050 San Diego Regional Transportation Plan: Our Region Our Future, and 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 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 2012/13 – 2015/16 FTIP, including Amendment No. 9, 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 2012/13 – 2015/16 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. 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.

We are approving the 2012/13 – 2015/16 FSTIP 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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