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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry

SUBJECT: SANDAG 2015 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 10 AND CONFORMITY
DETERMINATION

Dear Mr. De Terra:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 10 to the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), which was submitted by your letter dated April 26, 2016. As detailed in your letter's enclosure, this amendment adds one (1) new individual project listing to SANDAG's 2015 FTIP, and modifies twenty-three (23) individual projects and one (1) grouped project listings that were previously approved for inclusion in the California 2015 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

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. Our 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 2015 FTIP, including Amendment No. 10, conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

Pursuant to the December 15, 2014, *Memorandum of Agreement Between the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX and the Federal Highway Division Offices in California*, and based on our review of information submitted with the State's proposed 2015 FSTIP amendment, including 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. SANDAG's 2015 FTIP, including Amendment No. 10, 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 U.S.C. §134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53.

We are approving SANDAG's 2015 FTIP Amendment Number 10 with the 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 does not constitute an eligibility determination for the federal funds proposed for obligation on the listed projects. If you have 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) 734-9472, or by email at alexander.smith@dot.gov.

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent P. Mammano". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

For: Vincent P. Mammano
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration