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SUBJECT: SANDAG 2015 FTIP through Amendment No. 8 and Conformity Determination

Dear Mr. de Terra:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of the conformity determination for the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) through Amendment No. 8. FTA/FHWA reviewed SANDAG's 2015 FTIP Amendments No. 7 and 8, received by your letters dated November 2 and November 4, 2015, respectively. Amendment No. 7 requests to modify thirty-one (31) individual and one (1) grouped project listings with removal of one (1) individual project listing while Amendment No. 8 requests to modify seventeen (17) individual and seven (7) grouped project listings with removal of one (1) individual project listing previously approved for California Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) inclusion. Amendment No. 8 requests to add one (1) new individual and one (1) grouped project listings to SANDAG's FTIP.

A FTA/FHWA air quality conformity determination is required pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the United States Department of Transportation's *Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Planning*, 23 CFR Part 450. SANDAG's new conformity determination for the 2015 FTIP through Amendment No. 8 was completed to ensure consistency with SANDAG's new 2015 RTP/SCS.

On October 16, 2015 SANDAG adopted the associated Consistency Amendments No. 7 and 8 to the 2015 FTIP via Resolution No. 2016-07 and 2016-08 respectively. The conformity analysis given by SANDAG indicates all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, and after consultation with the EPA Region 9 office, we find that SANDAG's 2015 FTIP through Amendment No. 8 conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. In accordance with the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, the FTA has concurred with this conformity determination and approval.

In accordance with the MOU cited above the FHWA's single signature constitutes FHWA and FTA's joint air quality conformity determination for SANDAG's 2015 FTIP through Amendment No. 8.

If you have questions pertaining to this conformity finding, 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.

Sincerely,

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