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Dear Mr. de Terra:

SUBJECT: SBCAG 2015 FTIP AMENDMENT NO. 9

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 9 to the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' (SBCAG) 2015 – 2018 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), which was received by your letter dated December 16, 2015. As detailed in your letter's enclosure this amendment requests to add three (3) new individual project listings to SBCAG's FTIP and to modify three (3) grouped project listings previously approved for California Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) inclusion.

The projects in this amendment have been confirmed part of SBCAG's *2040 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy*, and the FSTIP change proposed identifies projects listed in an area within the State of California designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal air quality standards. In consequence, these projects are exempt from air quality conformity determination requirements.

Pursuant the December 15, 2014 *MOU, between the FHWA – California Division and FTA – Region IX*, and based on our review of information submitted with the State's proposed 2015 – 2018 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 SBCAG 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 SBCAG 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. SBCAG'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 2015 – 2018 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 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 SBCAG 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 Brenda Perez of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 744-2731, or by email at brenda.perez@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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