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Attention: Mr. Muhaned Aljabiry, M.S. 82

Dear Ms. Falsetti:

SUBJECT: SANDAG 2010/11 RTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 16

We have completed our review of Amendment Number 16 to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) that was submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) by your letter dated March 30, 2012. This amendment, approved by the SANDAG Transportation Committee by Resolution No. 2012-19 on March 23, 2012, adds two new project listings to California's 2010/11 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), and modifies 23 project listings that were previously approved for inclusion in the 2010/2011 FSTIP.

Based on our review of the information provided, we accept this amendment to the 2010/11 FSTIP in accordance with the Final Rule on statewide and metropolitan transportation planning that was published in the Federal Register on February 14, 2007. We are approving this amendment to the SANDAG portion of the 2010/11 FSTIP in accord with the *July 15, 2004, Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX.* This letter also constitutes approval of the amendment with the understanding that FTA funding approval on individual projects is subject to the grantees meeting the necessary administrative requirements.

We find that the SANDAG 2010 RTIP, including Amendment No. 16, 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 have determined that the projects in SANDAG's RTIP Amendment No. 16 are exempt from the requirements to determine conformity pursuant to 40 CFR §93.126, or exempt from the regional emissions analysis requirements pursuant to 40 CFR §93.127. The metropolitan transportation planning and regional air quality conformity findings have been coordinated with the regional offices of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the FTA.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval of this amendment, please contact Wade Hobbs of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by email at Wade.Hobbs@dot.gov; or Alexander Smith of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 744-2599, or by email at Alexander.Smith@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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2010/11 SANDAG RTIP/FSTIP Binder

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