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Dear Ms. Falsetti:

SUBJECT: SBCAG 2012/13 – 2015/16 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 5

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 5 to the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' (SBCAG) 2012/13 – 2015/16 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), submitted by your letter dated April 3, 2013. SBCAG's Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 13-04 on March 21, 2013, approving this FTIP modification. As detailed in the enclosure to your letter, this SBCAG FTIP amendment requests to add two (2) new project listings to SBCAG's FTIP, and to modify two (2) individual project listings and one (1) grouped project listing that were previously included in California's 2012/13 – 2015/16 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

The proposed changes to the FSTIP by this amendment are for projects listed in an area within the State of California that is designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal air quality standards. In consequence, these projects are exempt and go without requirement that an air quality conformity determination be made.

Pursuant to 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 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. 5, 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 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 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 Jerome Wiggins of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 744-2819, or by email at jerome.wiggins@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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