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Dear Mr. Gallegos:

SUBJECT: Conformity Determination, SANDAG 2030 RTP and 2002/03 FTIP as Amended

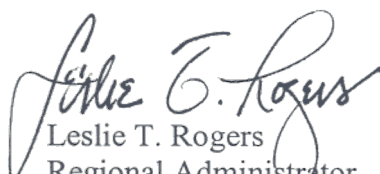
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the conformity determination for the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) 2030 Revenue Constrained Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) as amended through Amendment 6. A joint FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination for the RTP and FTIP is required by 40 CFR 93.104 of the U.S. EPA conformity regulations and 23 CFR 450.322 and 450.324 of the FHWA/FTA statewide and metropolitan planning regulations.


SANDAG approved the Revenue Constrained 2030 RTP and made the required conformity determination for the 2030 Plan by adopting Resolution No. 2003-27 on March 28, 2003. SANDAG approved modifications to the 2002/03-2004/05 FTIP and made the required conformity determination on the amended Transportation Improvement Program by adopting Resolution No. 2003-28 on March 28, 2003. The conformity analysis provided by SANDAG indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, we find that both the 2030 revenue constrained RTP and the FTIP as amended through Amendment No. 6 conform to the applicable state implementation plan (SIP) for air quality. We accept the SANDAG air quality conformity determinations for the new RTP and modified FTIP in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93 and the U.S. DOT's January 2, 2002, guidance entitled *Additional Supplemental Guidance for the Implementation of the Circuit Court Decision Affecting Transportation Conformity*. The SANDAG conformity determination for the amended FTIP fulfills the conformity re-determination requirements of 40 CFR 93.104(c). This finding was made after consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the conformity requirements in 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93.

We have not taken action to approve the inclusion of SANDAG FTIP Amendment No. 6 in California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). We expect Caltrans will submit this FSTIP Amendment to the FHWA/FTA for our review and approval in accordance with the normal FSTIP programming approval procedures.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 93.104, SANDAG and FHWA/FTA must determine the conformity of the RTP no less frequently than every three years. Accordingly, if more than three years elapse after the effective date of this conformity determination without SANDAG and FHWA/FTA determining conformity of a new transportation plan, the existing conformity determination will lapse.

Sincerely,


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For
Gary N. Hamby
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