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IN REPLY REFER TO
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Mr. Gary Gallegos, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Gallegos:

SUBJECT: Conformity Determination for SANDAG's 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 1

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the conformity determination for the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Amendment No. 1. A joint FTA/FHWA air quality conformity determination for the RTIP is required by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the FHWA/FTA *Metropolitan Planning Rule*, 23 CFR 450.

SANDAG adopted the 2004 RTIP Amendment #1 and made the corresponding conformity determination on October 15, 2004. The conformity analysis submitted to the FHWA/FTA by SANDAG indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, we find that the 2004 RTIP Amendment #1 conforms to the applicable state implementation plan 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. Additionally, this approval was made after consultation with the EPA, Region 9 office, pursuant to the *Transportation Conformity Rule*.

In accordance with the above MOU, the FHWA's single signature constitutes the FHWA and the FTA's joint air quality conformity determination for SANDAG's 2004 RTIP Amendment #1. If you have any questions pertaining to this conformity finding, please contact Steven Luxenberg, with the FHWA, at (916) 498-5066.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene K. Fong".

For
Gene K. Fong
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