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SUBJECT: Conformity Determination for San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan including SCS

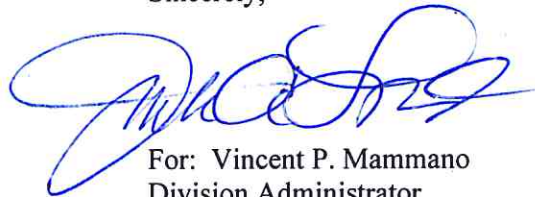
Dear Mr. Gallegos:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of the conformity determination for the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) 2015 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) – *San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan including SCS*. A FTA/FHWA air quality conformity determination is required for the new RTP/SCS pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 Code of Regulations (CFR) Parts 51 and 93, and the United States Department of Transportation's *Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Planning*, 23 CFR Part 450.

On October 9, 2015 SANDAG adopted the 2015 RTP/SCS via Resolution No. 2016-06. The conformity analysis given by SANDAG indicates all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, and after consultation with the EPA Region 9 office, we find that SANDAG's 2015 RTP/SCS conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. This conformity determination will remain in effect for four (4) years from the date of this letter and replaces the previous determination made on December 2, 2011. 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.

In accordance with the above MOU, the FHWA's single signature constitutes FHWA and FTA's joint air quality conformity determination for SANDAG's 2015 RTP/SCS. If you have questions pertaining to this conformity finding, 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.

Sincerely,



For: Vincent P. Mammano
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