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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) 2004/5-2008/09 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No.	Description
11	**Local Element** • Programs a project (MPO Id: SAN49) to conduct preliminary engineering and design analysis for the intermodal right of way link between the City of San Diego and the proposed Regional International Airport in Imperial Valley. Project scope includes feasibility study and cost benefit analysis of using dedicated highway lanes and Magnetic Levitation (MAGLEV) high-speed rail alternatives. This project is funded from the Federal Demonstration Program. See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 11 for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only.

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 & 3 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 93.126 and § 93.127 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. SANDAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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