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**SUBJECT:** SANDAG Amendment to the 2021 Regional Plan and 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 13 Conformity Analyses and Determination

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Amendment to the 2021 Regional Plan and 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 13 Conformity Analysis submitted by your letters dated October 13, 2023, and July 25, 2024, respectively.

- SANDAG: Resolution 2024-07
- SANDAG: Resolution 2024-31

The SANDAG Board of Directors adopted the 2021 Regional Plan Conformity Analysis on October 13, 2023, and the 2023 FTIP Amendment No. 13 Conformity Analysis on July 25, 2024. A FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination is required pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Rule, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the United States Department of Transportation's Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Planning, 23 CFR Part 450.

The conformity analysis submitted indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review and after consultation with the EPA Region IX, we find that the associated RTP and FTIP amendments conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan. Per the February 14, 2018, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the FHWA California Division and the FTA, Region IX, the FTA has concurred with this conformity determination.

In accordance with the above MOU, the FHWA's single signature constitutes FHWA's and FTA's joint air quality conformity determination of the SANDAG Amendment to the 2021 Regional Plan and 2023 FTIP Amendment No. 13.

If you have any questions about FHWA/FTA's conformity determination, please contact me at (916) 498-5889 or by email [Antonio.Johnson@dot.gov](mailto:Antonio.Johnson@dot.gov).

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