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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry

SUBJECT: SBCAG 2015 FTIP AMENDMENT NO. 13

Dear Mr. de Terra:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 13 to the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' (SBCAG) 2015 – 2018 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), which was received by your letter dated August 15, 2016. As detailed in your letter's enclosure this amendment requests to add one (1) new grouped project listing to SBCAG's FTIP and to modify three (3) individual project listings previously approved for California Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) inclusion.

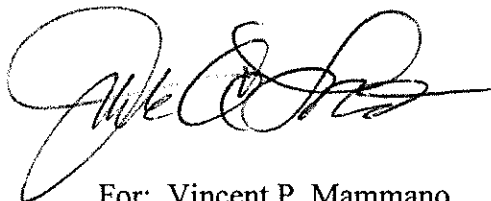
We have determined all project listings from this amendment are part of SBCAG's *2040 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy*. The FSTIP change identifies projects listed in an area within the State of California designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal air quality standards. In consequence projects from this amendment are exempt from air quality conformity determination requirements.

Pursuant the December 15, 2014 *MOU, between the FHWA – California Division and FTA – Region IX*, and based on our review of information submitted with the State's proposed 2015 – 2018 FSTIP, which includes revenues, proposed project funding information to demonstrate financial constraint, and statewide and metropolitan planning process documentation, we accept this FSTIP modification proposed for the SBCAG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning that was published in the May 27, 2016 Federal Register. We have determined the amended SBCAG FTIP, including Amendment No. 13, is financially constrained as required by the Federal surface transportation programs authorizing legislation and statewide planning, metropolitan planning, and programming

regulations. SBCAG's FTIP was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53.

Approval is being given with understanding that eligibility determination of individual projects for funding must be met, and the applicant must ensure satisfaction of all administrative and statutory requirements. If you have questions or need additional information concerning our FSTIP approval for this SBCAG FTIP amendment, 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](mailto:michael.morris@dot.gov); or Dominique Paukowits of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 734-9469, or by email at [dominique.paukowits@dot.gov](mailto:dominique.paukowits@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vincent P. Mammano', written in a cursive style.

For: Vincent P. Mammano  
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*/s/ Leslie T. Rogers*

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