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## **Air Quality Conformity Task Force Meeting**

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

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**December 3, 2020  
9:30 a.m. –11:00 a.m.**

### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. PM<sub>2.5</sub> Project Conformity Interagency Consultations
  - a. Confirm Projects Are Exempt from PM<sub>2.5</sub> Conformity  
Projects Exempt Under 40 CFR 93.126 – Not of Air Quality Concern
3. Projects with Regional Air Quality Conformity Concerns
  - a. Review of the Regional Conformity Status for New and Revised Projects  
3\_Regional\_AQ\_Conformity\_Review\_120320.pdf  
3\_Attachment-A\_List\_of\_Proposed\_New\_Projects\_120320.pdf
4. Consent Calendar
  - a. October 22, 2020 Air Quality Conformity Task Force Meeting Summary
5. Other Items  
– Draft Conformity Analysis for the Amended Plan Bay Area 2040 and the 2021 Amended Transportation Improvement Program

Next Meeting: January 28, 2021

MTC Staff Liaison: Harold Brazil [hbrazil@bayareametro.gov](mailto:hbrazil@bayareametro.gov)

Harold Brazil is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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## *Memorandum*

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

DATE: November 20, 2020

FR: Harold Brazil

W. I.

RE: PM<sub>2.5</sub> Project Conformity Interagency Consultation

MTC requests the review and concurrence from the Air Quality Conformity Task Force (AQCTF) that the list of the projects the sponsors have identified as exempt and likely not to be a POAQC. **2a\_Exempt List 112020.pdf** lists the exempt project under 40 CFR 93.126.

40 CFR 93.126 Exempt Projects List

County	TIP ID	Sponsor	Project Name	Project Description	Expanded Description	Project Type under 40 CFR 93.126
SCL	SCL170025	Sunnyvale	Fair Oaks Avenue Bikeway - Phase 2	Sunnyvale: Fair Oaks Ave from SR237 to Reed Ave: Reconfigure to install Bikeway/routes enhancements and close bikeway gaps	Sunnyvale: Fair Oaks Avenue from SR237 to Reed Ave: Reconfigure to install bikeway/route enhancements and will close the bike way gaps throughout along the Fair Oaks Avenue to encourage increased biking and to improve bicyclists safety the project will installed green bikeway/bike routes treatment along the street, which may include bike boxes, improved sharows, green bike lanes at conflict points, bike detection system at signalized intersections, and improved bike related signage.	Air Quality - Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
SM	SM-190012	Caltrans	SR-82 Roadway Rehab & Sidewalk ADA Upgrade	San Mateo and Burlingame: SR-82 from East Santa Inez Ave to Millbrae Ave: Rehabilitate roadway, improve drainage, and upgrade existing curb ramps and sidewalks to Americans with Disabilities Act; On SR-82 from Barroilhet Ave to Ray Dr: Implement road diet	San Mateo and Burlingame: SR-82 from East Santa Inez Avenue to Millbrae Ave: Rehabilitate roadway, improve drainage, and upgrade existing curb ramps and sidewalks to Americans with Disabilities Act; On SR-82 from Barroilhet Ave to Ray Dr (PM12.9/15.2): Implement road diet	Safety - Hazard elimination program



## *Memorandum*

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

DATE: December 3, 2020

FR: Adam Crenshaw

RE: Review of the Regional Conformity Status for New and Revised Projects

Staff has prepared the following information in an effort to streamline the review of the regional air quality conformity implications of projects that staff proposes to add into the 2019 TIP through current or future revisions. This item is for advisory purposes only. The inclusion of these projects and project changes in a proposed revision to the TIP is subject to Commission approval in the case of amendments and MTC's Executive Director or Deputy Executive Director in the case of administrative modifications. The final determination of the regional air quality conformity status of these projects will be made by the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency as part of their review of proposed final TIP amendments and by the Executive Director or Deputy Executive Director as part of their review for TIP administrative modifications.

Projects Staff is Proposing to Include in the 2019 TIP  
Staff is proposing to add two projects to the 2019 TIP.

One of the proposed new projects includes elements that may not be treated as exempt from regional-level conformity under 40 CFR 93.126 or 40 CFR 93.127. However, staff believes that the inclusion of this project in the 2019 TIP would not require an update to the air quality conformity analysis for the *Amended Plan Bay Area 2040* and the 2019 TIP. The details of this project and its conformity concerns are as follows:

**1. SFMTA – Core Capacity Program**

TIP ID: SF-190012

Sponsor: SFMTA

Description: SFMTA: Along the J and M-Line Corridors: Implement high priority route improvements from the Muni Forward Program

Expanded Description: SFMTA: Along the J and M-Line Corridors: Implement high priority route improvements from the Muni Forward Program. Project includes a combination of transit signal priority, transit-only lanes, stop consolidation, and complementary facility and pedestrian improvements. Included in the award are a set of targeted improvements to two key rail corridors - the J and M-Lines.

Conformity Issue: The project above includes the construction of improvements to fixed-guideway routes that may not be treated as exempt from regional-level conformity under 40 CFR 93.126 or 40 CFR 93.127. However, this project is included in the *Amended Plan Bay Area 2040* and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the *Amended Plan Bay Area 2040* and the Amended 2019 TIP under the Muni Forward program. The scope and schedule of this project in the proposed TIP amendment are consistent with the *Amended Plan Bay Area 2040* and the conformity analysis.

The description of the remaining project along with the regional air quality category that staff believes best describes the project is included on Attachment A.

MTC staff is not seeking a determination on the status of these projects for project-level conformity purposes with this item.

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Review of the Regional Conformity Status for New and Revised Projects - Attachment A						
County	TIP ID/FMS ID	Sponsor	Project Name	Project Description	Project Expanded Description	Project Type
<b>Proposed New Individually-Listed Projects for Regional Air Quality Conformity Status Review</b>						
1	Solano	7177 Caltrans	Solano WB I-80 Cordelia Truck Scales	Solano County: WB I-80: Replace and relocate the existing Cordelia Truck Scales, expand capacity and create braided off-ramp connection to WB I-80	Solano County: WB I-80: Relocate Truck Scales facility 0.7 mile east from its current location. Create braided off-ramp connection and new entrance ramp connection to/from Westbound I-80 to address safety issues caused by short on-ramps leading to traffic congestion and increased risk of rear-end accidents. Create direct access to the facility from westbound State Route 12 (East). The new facility will expand capacity with seven covered inspection areas (old facility has four), elevated structures to enable inspectors to check the domes and top portions of cargo trucks, Weigh In Motion scales with the capability to sort truck traffic into the appropriate lane along the approach roadway, and a minimum of four sets of scales (existing facility has three) to accommodate two lines of empty and loaded trucks. The new facility will have the capacity to inspect all westbound I-80 trucks passing the facility 24 hours per day, seven days a week	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.127) - Truck size and weight inspection stations

**Air Quality Conformity Task Force  
Summary Meeting Notes  
October 22, 2020**

Participants:

Kevin Krewson – Caltrans  
Lexie Arellano – Caltrans  
Patrick Pittenger – FHWA  
Joseph Vaughn– FHWA

Lucas Sanchez – Caltrans  
Adam Crenshaw – MTC  
Harold Brazil – MTC

- 1. Welcome and Self Introductions:** Harold Brazil (MTC) called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.
- 2. PM<sub>2.5</sub> Project Conformity Interagency Consultations**
  - a. Confirm Projects Are Exempt from PM<sub>2.5</sub> Conformity**
    - i. Projects Exempt Under 40 CFR 93.126 – Not of Air Quality Concern**

The Task Force had no comments.

***Final Determination;*** With input from FTA, FHWA, EPA, Caltrans and MTC, the Task Force agreed that the projects on the exempt list **2a\_Exempt List 10122020.pdf** are exempt from PM<sub>2.5</sub> project level analysis.

**3. Approach to Draft Conformity Analysis for the Amended Plan Bay Area 2040 and the 2021 Amended Transportation Improvement Program**

Harold Brazil (MTC) indicated the draft Conformity Analysis for the Amended Plan Bay Area 2040 and the 2021 TIP will rely on the previous conformity analysis MTC conducted last spring for the amendment to Plan Bay Area 2040. Mr. Brazil went onto say the projects included in the new 2021 TIP are consistent with the scope and the designs of the projects already included in the conformity analysis done last spring – which why no new modeling is required and MTC is taking this course.

Mr. Brazil added the draft Conformity Analysis for the Amended Plan Bay Area 2040 and the 2021 TIP document will be out for public comment beginning November 9 and Adam Crenshaw (MTC) indicated the end date for the review period had been extended to December 14<sup>th</sup> to allow for the Thanksgiving holiday. Joseph Vaughn (FHWA) and Patrick Pittenger (FHWA) did not have any follow up comments and concurred with MTC's approach for the draft 2021 TIP Conformity Analysis. In addition, Lucas Sanchez (Caltrans) also did not have any comments or questions at this time and said since (for the active analysis) nothing is changing on the product side or the model side – the approach makes sense.

#### **4. Consent Calendar**

##### **a. September 24, 2020 Air Quality Conformity Task Force Meeting Summary**

***Final Determination;*** With input from all members, the Task Force concluded that the consent calendar was approved.