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Memorandum

TO: Planning Committee

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FR: Executive Director

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RE: Proposed Final Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis, MTC Resolution No. 3891 and Proposed Final 2009 Transportation Improvement Program/Amendment #09-06, MTC Resolution No. 3875, Revised

Transportation Conformity for Transportation 2035 Plan and 2009 Transportation Improvement Program/Amendment #09-06

MTC has prepared the *Proposed Final Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Transportation 2035 Plan and 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Amendment #09-06* in accordance with the latest U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) transportation conformity regulations and the Bay Area Air Quality Conformity Protocol (MTC Resolution No. 3757). The conformity analysis addresses only those projects identified in the financially constrained Transportation 2035 Plan and 2009 TIP Amendment #09-06.

The *Draft Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis* was released by this Committee for a 30-day public review period, which closed on February 9, 2009. MTC staff, in consultation with the multiagency Air Quality Conformity Task Force, has responded to public comments received and made technical revisions to the report where appropriate. It should be noted that the approach, methodology, draft conformity analysis and findings have been prepared in consultation with the Air Quality Conformity Task Force as stipulated in MTC Resolution No. 3757. These task force meetings, which were open to the public, took place on June 9, 2008, December 17, 2008 and February 26, 2009.

This conformity analysis demonstrates that both the Plan and TIP are consistent with (“conform to”) the federal air quality plan, which is referred to as the State Implementation Plan (SIP), meaning that the transportation activities will not cause new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the federal air quality standards. Based on the proposed final conformity analysis, MTC staff recommends the following positive conformity findings:

- This conformity assessment was conducted consistent with US EPA’s transportation conformity regulations and with the Bay Area Air Quality Conformity Protocol adopted by MTC as Resolution No. 3757.
- The Transportation 2035 Plan and 2009 TIP/Amendment #09-06 provide for the implementation of transportation control measures (TCMs) pursuant to the applicable federal regulations.
- For the national carbon monoxide standard, motor vehicle emissions in the Plan and TIP are lower than the transportation conformity budget in the SIP.

- For the national 8-hour ozone standard, motor vehicle emissions in the Plan and TIP are lower than the transportation conformity budget in the SIP.

2009 Transportation Improvement Program/Amendment #09-06

The federally required TIP is a comprehensive listing of all Bay Area surface transportation projects that are to receive federal funding, are subject to a federally required action, or are considered regionally significant for air quality conformity purposes. MTC is required to prepare and adopt an updated TIP every four years. The latest conformed TIP is the 2009 TIP, which was adopted by the Commission on May 28, 2008 and approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on November 17, 2008. It is valid through November 16, 2012 or until a new federal statewide Transportation Improvement Program is approved, whichever is first. The TIP may be revised to make necessary changes to the project listings prior to the next update. The current 2009 TIP covers the four-year period from FY 2008-09 through FY 2011-12, and contains approximately 1,100 projects totaling about \$13 billion dollars. MTC has prepared TIP Amendment #09-06 to the 2009 TIP to modify 17 projects and add 134 non-exempt projects with a net increase in funding of roughly \$12.5 billion. This includes the following:

- Adds new projects from recently approved voter initiatives, such as the Bay Area Rapid Transit District's (BART) Warm Springs to Silicon Valley Extension project and Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) project;
- Adds the San Jose International Airport People Mover, Freeway Performance Initiative, and the Bayview Transportation Improvements project;
- Adds various Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) projects recently adopted by the California Transportation Commission (CTC);
- Adds new projects approved by the CTC in the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); and
- Reconciles project costs to the Transportation 2035 Plan, and adds or deletes other air quality non-exempt projects consistent with the Plan.

See MTC's 2009 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #09-06 (April 2009) for full details about the TIP, which is available in the MTC/ABAG Library in Oakland, CA, and is posted on the Internet at: <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/tip/revisions>.

Recommendation

MTC staff recommends that this Committee approve and refer MTC Resolution No. 3891 and MTC Resolution No. 3875, Revised to the Commission for final action, as follows:

- **Resolution No. 3891** finds that the Transportation 2035 Plan and 2009 Transportation Improvement Program, including Amendment #09-06, are in conformance with the federal air quality plan for the national 8-hour ozone standard and national carbon monoxide standard and provide for the timely implementation of TCMs.
- **Resolution No. 3875, Revised** adopts the proposed amendments to the 2009 Transportation Improvement Program as identified in Amendment #09-06.

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