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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3891

This resolution finds that the Transportation 2035 Plan and 2009 Transportation Improvement Program, as amended by Amendment #09-06, are in conformance with the federal air quality plan, which is also referred to as the State Implementation Plan (SIP), to achieve National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

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RE: Approval of the Final Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the Transportation 2035 Plan and 2009 Transportation Improvement Program/Amendment #09-06

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
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WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to Government Code Section 66500 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, MTC is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area region (the region); and

WHEREAS, MTC has updated its long-range regional transportation plan, the Transportation 2035 Plan, to be approved on April 22, 2009 (MTC Resolution 3893); and

WHEREAS, MTC has amended the 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) through Amendment #09-06, to be approved on April 22, 2009 (MTC Resolution 3875, Revised); and

WHEREAS, the Transportation 2035 Plan and the 2009 TIP, as amended through Amendment #09-06, must conform to the federal air quality plan, which is also referred to as the State Implementation Plan (SIP); and

WHEREAS, inclusion of new regionally significant, non-exempt transportation projects in the TIP requires that MTC update the transportation conformity analysis for the TIP (the 2009 TIP was previously determined to conform to the SIP on May 28, 2008 by MTC Resolution No. 3876); and

WHEREAS, federal planning regulations also require a re-determination of the conformity for the entire TIP within six (6) months of adopting a new long-range regional transportation plan (40 CFR Section 93.104(c)); and

WHEREAS, MTC has conducted a transportation air quality conformity analysis for the Transportation 2035 Plan and 2009 TIP, as amended with Amendment #09-06, in accordance with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) conformity regulations and the Bay Area Air Quality Conformity Protocol (MTC Resolutions No. 3757); and

WHEREAS, said conformity analysis is included as Attachment A of this resolution, and is incorporated herein as though set forth at length; and

WHEREAS, the conformity analysis has been circulated for 30-day public review period from January 9, 2009 through February 9, 2009; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that MTC makes the following conformity findings for the Transportation 2035 Plan and 2009 Transportation Improvement Program, as amended with Amendment #09-06:

(A) The conformity analysis was conducted consistent with U.S. EPA's transportation conformity regulations and with the Bay Area Air Quality Conformity Protocol (MTC Resolution No. 3757);

(B) The Transportation 2035 Plan and 2009 Transportation Improvement Program, as amendment with Amendment #09-06, provide for the timely implementation of transportation control measures (TCMs) pursuant to the applicable federal regulations;

(C) For carbon monoxide, motor vehicle emissions in the Transportation 2035 Plan and 2009 Transportation Improvement Program, as amended with Amendment #09-06, are lower than the transportation conformity budget in the SIP; and

(D) For Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) and Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x), motor vehicle emissions in the Transportation 2035 Plan and 2009 Transportation Improvement Program, as amended with Amendment #09-06, are lower than the transportation conformity budget in the SIP.

RESOLVED, that Executive Director shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the U.S. Department of Transportation for its approval of MTC's conformity findings, along with a copy of the Transportation 2035 Plan and 2009 Transportation Improvement Program, as amended with Amendment #09-06, and to such other agencies as appropriate.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Scott Haggerty, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in Oakland, California, on April 22, 2009.

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Attachment A
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**Final Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis
for the Transportation 2035 Plan and
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A copy of the *Final Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Transportation 2035 Plan and 2009 Transportation Improvement Program/Amendment #09-06* is on file in the offices of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission located at the Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, California 94607.