

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

July 14, 2010

Item Number: 2e

Release of Draft 2011 TIP and Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Transportation 2035 Plan and 2011 TIP

Subject: Release of the Draft 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Transportation 2035 Plan and 2011 TIP for public review.

Background: The federally required Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a comprehensive listing of Bay Area surface transportation capital projects that receive federal funds, are subject to a federally required action or are regionally significant. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area Region, prepares and adopts the TIP at least once every four years. The TIP covers a four-year period and must be financially constrained by year. The TIP must include a financial plan that demonstrates that programmed projects can be implemented. All projects included in the TIP must be consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the TIP must be analyzed to determine if the program complies or “conforms” to federal air quality plans (known as the State Implementation Plan or SIP) and regulations. Federal regulations also require an opportunity for public comment prior to TIP approval.

MTC staff is currently developing the 2011 TIP (FY 2010-11 through FY 2013-14), which includes both a financial constraint analysis and an air quality conformity analysis. The 2011 TIP does not include any new regionally significant projects beyond those included in the Transportation 2035 Plan.

MTC staff is also preparing the air quality conformity analysis to demonstrate that the total emissions from the 2011 TIP will not cause new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national 8-hour ozone standard, national carbon monoxide standard, and, for the first time, the national 24-hour particulate (PM2.5) standard. This conformity analysis will serve to re-conform the Transportation 2035 Plan. The interagency Air Quality Conformity Task Force will review the conformity analysis prior to its release for public review.

Both draft documents will be released for a 30-day public review and comment period beginning on August 6, 2010 and ending on September 10, 2010, and will be available on the internet at: <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/tip/>. A public hearing on the documents will be held at the Programming and Allocations Committee meeting on September 8, 2010. The final document is scheduled for approval at the October 27, 2010 Commission meeting. Final federal approval of the 2011 TIP is expected in December, 2010. Key dates leading up to adoption and approval of the 2011 TIP are included in the attachment.

Issues: None.

Recommendation: MTC staff recommends the Committee authorize the release of the Draft 2011 TIP and the companion Draft Conformity Analysis on August 6, 2010 for public review and comment, and authorize a public hearing to be held on September 8, 2010 at the Committee meeting.

Attachment: 2011 TIP Development Schedule

**2011 TIP
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
2011 TIP Development Schedule**

Monday, February 01, 2010	Call for new non-exempt projects not listed in the TIP that need to be included in the 2011 TIP
Friday, March 19, 2010	Deadline for list of new non-exempt projects not in current TIP to be included in 2011 TIP
Wednesday, March 31, 2010	Last day to submit new projects for current TIP for the last 2009 Formal TIP Amendment
Wednesday, April 21, 2010	Review of New Non-Exempt 2009 TIP project list and conformity approach by AQCTF
Wednesday, April 28, 2010	Start coding 2009 TIP projects into networks
Wednesday, May 05, 2010	Final 2009 formal TIP Amendment released for public comment
Friday, May 28, 2010	Last day to submit changes to current TIP for final 2009 TIP Administrative Action
Friday, May 28, 2010	TIP Locked Down – No more changes to 2009 TIP – Start of 2011 TIP Development
Friday, June 04, 2010	Start of review and update by project sponsors and CMAs
Thursday, June 17, 2010	Completion of project review by sponsors and CMAs; FMS and TIP Locked Down
Wednesday, July 14, 2010	Authorize public hearing and release Draft 2010 TIP & AQ Conformity
Late July, 2010	Review of Admin. Draft Conformity Analysis by AQCTF
Friday, August 06, 2010	Begin of Public Review Period for 2011 TIP and Conformity Analysis
Wednesday, September 08, 2010	Public Hearing on Draft TIP and AQ Conformity Analysis – September Programming and Allocations Committee Meeting
Friday, September 10, 2010	End of Public Review Period for Draft TIP and Conformity Analysis
Friday, September 17, 2010	Review response to comments / Final AQ Conformity report by AQCTF
Friday, October 01, 2010	Final Draft 2011 TIP & AQ Conformity complete / Response to comments available (Copy sent to Caltrans)
Wednesday, October 06, 2010	Final Draft 2011 TIP posted on the website as well as the Programming and Allocations Committee Packet posting
Friday, October 08, 2010	Caltrans Begin Public Review and Comment on Draft FSTIP
Wednesday, October 13, 2010	Review of Final 2011 TIP and Final Conformity analysis and referral to Commission
Wednesday, October 27, 2010	Final 2011 TIP and Final Air Quality Conformity analysis approved by Commission
Friday, October 29, 2010	Commission approved 2011 TIP submitted to Caltrans / AQ Conformity Analysis submitted to FHWA/FTA
Sunday, November 14, 2010	Final 2011 FSTIP and AQ Due to FHWA/FTA
Tuesday, December 14, 2010	Final 2011 TIP approved by FHWA and FTA