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Memorandum

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

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RE: Proposed 2011 TIP Amendment 11-07: Sixth Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Linkage project (SON090031)

MTC staff consulted with EPA, FHWA, FTA and Caltrans on March 11, 2011 to confirm the exempt status of the Sixth Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Linkage Project. It was confirmed that this project is an exempt project under the Bike and Pedestrian facilities code; however, the project description needed to be modified via a TIP amendment to correctly reflect the scope of the project. Based on this consultation, MTC staff is now proceeding with TIP Amendment 11-07 to clarify the project description of the Sixth Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Linkage Project (TIP ID: SON090031).

Background

Both the City of Santa Rosa - Sixth Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Linkage project (TIP ID: SON090031) and Sonoma US 101 HOV - SR 12 to Steele & Steele Lane I/C (TIP ID: SON010001) are included in the financially constrained Transportation 2035 Plan and 2011 TIP. The Sixth Street bicycle/pedestrian linkage is included in RTP reference number 22247, and the US 101 HOV project is under 98183. Both projects were included in the most recent conformity analysis and determination of the Transportation 2035 Plan and 2011 TIP, which was jointly approved by FHWA and FTA, in consultation with EPA, on December 14, 2010.

Proposed Amendment

In the 2011 TIP, the current project description of the Sixth Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Linkage project is as follows:

Description: Sixth St. between Morgan St and Davis St, new two lane roadway, Class II bike lane and sidewalk, ped scaled lighting, pedestrian traffic signals.

Expanded Description: The project includes the construction of 280 feet of roadway with two new travel lanes, a westbound left turn lane, 6 foot wide Class II bike lanes, 8 - 10 foot wide sidewalks, ADA compliant pedestrian ramps, traffic signal improvements for pedestrians, ped scaled lighting.

As a result of the March 11, 2011 interagency consultation meeting, the description will be modified in the proposed TIP Amendment as follows:

Description: Sixth St. between Morgan St and Davis St, Class II bike lane and sidewalk, ped scaled lighting, pedestrian traffic signals.

Expanded Description: The project includes the construction of 6 foot wide Class

II bike lanes, 8 - 10 foot wide sidewalks, ADA compliant pedestrian ramps, traffic signal improvements for pedestrians, ped scaled lighting.

In addition, the description of the Sonoma US 101 HOV - SR 12 to Steele & Steele Lane I/C (TIP ID: SON010001) will be amended to include "the construction of 280 feet of roadway with two new travel lanes, a westbound left turn lane." The project is coded as non-exempt project, and the scope of this project includes this roadway improvement project.

This proposed TIP amendment does not trigger a new conformity determination because both projects were included in the conformity analysis on the 2011 TIP and this TIP amendment does not change the exempt and non-exempt status of either project nor alter the conformity analysis performed on the 2011 TIP and Transportation 2035 Plan.

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