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Memorandum

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

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RE: PM_{2.5} Project Conformity Interagency Consultation

On December 14, 2009, EPA designated the Bay Area region as non-attainment for the criteria pollutant particulate matter 2.5 (PM_{2.5}). As a designated non-attainment area, the Bay Area is subject to new individual project level conformity requirements for PM_{2.5}. As of December 14, 2010 Bay Area project sponsors are required to undergo project level conformity determinations for PM_{2.5} if their project meets certain criteria.

MTC developed and adopted PM_{2.5} interagency consultation procedures (MTC Resolution No. 3946) making the meetings of the Air Quality Conformity Task Force serve as the forum for the interagency consultation. The Air Quality Conformity Task Force is responsible for determining whether a project qualifies as a project of air quality concern (POAQC) and for reviewing the assumptions, methods, and analysis to be included in the PM_{2.5} hot-spot analysis.

Two project sponsors completed the initial steps of the project level conformity process and seek interagency consultation from the Air Quality Conformity Task Force at this time, as follows:

No.	Project Sponsor	Project Title
1	Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC)	I-580 Corridor – Eastbound HOV/HOT Lanes
2	City of Hercules	Hercules Intercity Rail Station

Attachment A includes descriptions of the above projects and corresponding project assessment forms. Please note the City of Hercules submitted a project assessment form and a qualitative hot-spot analysis to streamline the consultation process in event the Task Force determines the project as a project of air quality concern. Additionally, MTC requests the review and concurrence from the Air Quality Conformity Task Force on a set of projects that project sponsors have identified as exempt and likely not to be a POAQC. **Attachment B** lists these exempt projects.