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Memorandum

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

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RE: Proposed TIP Administrative Modification 2011-08: Revisions to Regional Air Quality Exemption Codes

The purpose of this memo is to inform the Task Force of proposed revisions to current air quality exemption codes for 10 active projects in the 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). These revisions will be made in the upcoming TIP administrative modification - Revision 2011-08. The proposed revisions are intended to align the codes to better fit the scope of the projects.

Staff requests the Task Force to: 1) review and concur the proposed revisions to the exemption codes for the 10 projects in the 2011 TIP; and 2) confirm that these revisions do not require a new regional conformity analysis and determination.

Background

All of the projects (listed in Table 1) are included in the financially constrained Transportation 2035 Plan, 2011 TIP. These projects were analyzed for air quality impacts in the most recent conformity determination of the Transportation 2035 Plan and 2011 TIP, which was reviewed by the Task Force and jointly approved by FHWA and FTA on December 14, 2010.

Proposed TIP Administrative Modification 2011-08

Of these 10 projects, six were coded as exempt under 40 CFR §93.126 - Bicycle and pedestrian facilities; three were coded as being exempt under 40 CFR §93.127 - Bus terminals and transfer points and one was coded as non-exempt.

The I-580 East Bound Truck Climbing Lanes [ALA090028] project was originally classified as non-exempt as the sponsor indicated that the project was within an urbanized area. However, upon further review, it was determined that the project limits are located outside the Livermore Urbanized Area and therefore the project is located in a rural area. Hence, MTC staff proposes to revise the air quality code for the project from non-exempt to exempt under 40 CFR §93.126 - Truck climbing lanes outside the urbanized area.

Staff believes the proposed revisions to the 10 projects do not trigger a new conformity determination on the 2011 TIP and Transportation 2035 Plan because: 1) the revisions for nine of the 10 projects will update the exemption codes to existing exempt projects which does not alter the conformity analysis; and 2) for the one project changing exemption status, staff does not seek at this time the emissions benefits, if any, for the purposes of demonstrating conformity.

Table 1: Proposed TIP Administrative Modification 2011-08: Revisions to Air Quality Exemption Codes

Project Name	TIP ID	Project Description	Current Exemption	Revised Exemption
E. 14th St. Median Improvements	ALA990074	San Leandro Multi-Phased Project: On E. 14th St. approximately from San Leandro boulevard to 146th Ave; Construct median.	Air Quality – Bicycle and pedestrian facilities (40 CFR 93.126)	Safety – Adding medians (40 CFR 93.126)
Del Norte Area TOD	CC-070046	Transit Oriented Development project at the Del Norte Intermodal Station (transit connections include BART, bus, express bus, bicycle, and pedestrian).	Air Quality – Bicycle and pedestrian facilities (40 CFR 93.126)	Other – Transportation enhancement activities (40 CFR 93.126)
Leland Avenue Streetscape Improvements	SF-070032	San Francisco: On Leland Ave; Pedestrian improvements including streetscape, traffic calming improvements, corner bulb-outs, street furniture, lighting, paving and crosswalk improvements (TLC).	Air Quality – Bicycle and pedestrian facilities (40 CFR 93.126)	Other – Transportation enhancement activities (40 CFR 93.126)
Golden Gate Bridge - Moveable Median Barrier	SF-070037	Marin/San Francisco Counties: Golden Gate Bridge; Install moveable median barrier on the Golden Gate Bridge to provide a physical separation between opposing directions of traffic.	Air Quality – Bicycle and pedestrian facilities (40 CFR 93.126)	Safety – Adding medians (40 CFR 93.126)
SR1 San Pedro Creek Bridge Replacement	SM-050052	Pacifica: On State Route 1 at San Pedro Creek; Replace bridge and roadway approaches within Caltrans right of way. No new travel lanes.	Air Quality – Bicycle and pedestrian facilities (40 CFR.93.126)	Safety – Widening narrow pavements or reconstructing bridges (no additional travel lanes) (40 CFR 93.126)
McGary Road Improvements	SOL090004	In Fairfield: McGary Road is a frontage road that parallels I-80 and links the cities of Vallejo and Fairfield in Solano County. Reconstruct the failed portion of the frontage road and open road for public use.	Air Quality – Bicycle and pedestrian facilities (40 CFR 93.126)	Safety – Pavement resurfacing and/or rehabilitation (40 CFR 93.126)
Ed Roberts Intermodal Transit Center	ALA050081	Berkeley: At the Ashby BART station; Various pedestrian access improvements.	Bus terminals and transfer points (40 CFR 93.127)	Mass Transit – Reconstruction or renovation of transit buildings and structures (40 CFR 93.126)
Marin county: Bus Stop Improvements	MRN070001	MCTD: Improvements including bus stops, enhanced shelters, accessible pathways, bicycle racks and other passenger amenities.	Bus terminals and transfer points (40 CFR 93.127)	Mass Transit – Reconstruction or renovation of transit buildings and structures (40 CFR 93.126)
Roseland Route 19 - New Bus Service	SON070021	In Santa Rosa: Provides new service connecting Roseland residents to downtown Santa Rosa transit mall.	Bus terminals and transfer points (40 CFR 93.127)	Mass Transit – Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet (40 CFR 93.126)
Eastbound Truck Climbing Lane	ALA090028	In Livermore, Alameda County: On Route 580 in the City of Livermore from North Flynn Rd to Greenville Rd. Construct a truck-climbing lane in the eastbound direction.	Non-Exempt	Safety – Truck climbing lanes outside the urbanized area (40 CFR 93.126)