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Memorandum

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

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RE: Proposed TIP Administrative Modifications 2011-08: Revisions to Exemption Codes

As part of an ongoing review and maintenance of the 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), MTC staff is reviewing projects and their exemption codes. As a result, staff is proposing to revise the exemption codes for 11 projects in the upcoming administrative modification - Revision 2011-08. The revisions align the codes to better fit the description of the projects.

The purpose of this memo is to seek concurrence from the Air Quality Conformity Task Force that these proposed revisions are correct.

Note that all of the projects listed in Table 1 are included in the financially constrained Transportation 2035 Plan, 2011 TIP and 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.

These proposed revisions do not trigger a new conformity determination and do not alter the conformity analysis performed on the 2011 TIP and Transportation 2035 Plan.

Table 1: Regional Air Quality Exemption Code Changes Proposed in TIP Revision 2011-08

Project Name	TIP ID	Project Description	Expanded Description	Current Exemption Code	Proposed Exemption Code
AB3090 Replacement Project 880/Mission Landscape	ALA030026	AB 3090 Replacement Project - Landscaping at Mission/I-880.	AB 3090 Replacement Project - Landscaping at Mission/I-880.	Other - Planning and technical studies (40 CFR 93.126)	Other - Plantings, landscaping, etc. (40 CFR 93.126)
I-238 Widening Replacement Planting	ALA070060	Landscape replacement planting in and near San Leandro on Route 238 from Route 580 to Route 880.	Landscape replacement planting in and near San Leandro on Route 238 from Route 580 to Route 880. This is a follow up landscape replacement planting project for the Route 238 Widening Project, EA 24900 (PPNO. 096A). This project is required as a condition under the approved parent environmental document.	Other - Planning and technical studies (40 CFR 93.126)	Other - Plantings, landscaping, etc. (40 CFR 93.126)
Safety and Security Enhancements	CC-090030	Improve safety and security on AC Transit vehicles and in facilities, including installing surveillance systems and emergency operations improvements.	Improve safety and security on AC Transit vehicles and in facilities, including installing surveillance systems and emergency operations improvements.	Other - Planning and technical studies (40 CFR 93.126)	Mass Transit - Purchase of office, shop, and operating equipment for existing facilities (40 CFR 93.126)
GL: Safety Improvements - SHOPP Mobility Program	MTC050006	Grouped Listing: SHOPP-Mobility; Projects are consistent with 40 CFR Part 93.126 Exempt Tables 2 and 3.	GL: SHOPP-Mobility; Projects are consistent with 40 CFR Part 93.126 Exempt Tables 2 and 3 categories - Railroad/highway crossing, Safer non-Federal-aid system roads, Shoulder improvements, traffic control devices and operating assistance other than signalization projects, Intersection signalization projects at individual intersections, Pavement marking demonstration, Truck climbing lanes outside the urbanized area, Lighting improvements, Emergency truck pullovers. A copy of MTC's current listing of SHOPP Mobility projects may be found at: http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/tip/2011/grouped/MTC050006.pdf	Safety - Pavement resurfacing and/or rehabilitation (40 CFR 93.126)	Safety - Safety improvement program (40 CFR 93.126)
GL: Safety Imprv. - SHOPP Collision Reduction	MTC050011	GL: SHOPP - Collision Reduction. Projects are consistent with 40 CFR Part 93.126 Exempt Tables 2 and Table 3 categories.	GL: SHOPP - Collision Reduction Projects are consistent with 40 CFR Part 93.126 Exempt Tables 2 and Table 3 categories - Railroad/highway crossing, Safer non-Federal-aid system roads, Shoulder improvements, traffic control devices and operating assistance other than signalization projects, Intersection signalization projects at individual intersections, Pavement marking demonstration, Truck climbing lanes outside the urbanized area, Lighting improvements, Emergency truck pullovers. A copy of MTC's current listing of SHOPP Collision Reduction projects may be found at: http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/tip/2011/grouped/MTC050006.pdf	Safety - Pavement resurfacing and/or rehabilitation (40 CFR 93.126)	Safety - Safety improvement program (40 CFR 93.126)
Incident Management Program	REG090044	Region-wide: Manage congestion by preventing and/or addressing minor & major highway incidents/events including FSP, Call Box, incident detection equipment & incident management systems, etc.	The purpose of the work effort is to deploy projects that manage congestion by preventing and/or addressing minor and major highway incidents/events including FSP, Call Box, incident detection equipment & incident management systems, etc.	Other - Planning and technical studies (40 CFR 93.126)	Safety – Traffic control devices and operating assistance other than signalization projects (40 CFR 93.126) OR Safety - Safety improvement program (40 CFR 93.126)

Table 1: Regional Air Quality Exemption Code Changes Proposed in TIP Revision 2011-08 (continued)

Project Name	TIP ID	Project Description	Expanded Description	Current Exemption Code	Proposed Exemption Code
Caltrain: Revenue Vehicle Rehab Program	REG090051	Caltrain: Systemwide: The Revenue Vehicle Rehab Program provides overhauls and repairs/replacements to key components of the Caltrain rolling stock to maintain it in a state of good repair and to extend the useful life of the fleet.	Caltrain: Revenue Vehicle Rehab Program is helping to maintain the Caltrain rolling stock fleet in a state of good repair. The program includes, but is not limited to: overhaul/replacement of locomotive engine power assemblies, SEP/HEP units, traction motors, wheels sets, defective rail car truck bolsters and other necessary repairs to extend useful life.	Mass Transit - Operating assistance to transit agencies (40 CFR 93.126)	Mass Transit - Rehabilitation of transit vehicles (40 CFR 93.126)
VTA: Security Improvements for Light Rail	SCL090039	VTA: light rail system; Increase security: inclusive of physical site, network, network switches, network intrusion detection, firewalls, network monitoring tools, and adding security enhancements to infrastructure as needed.	Harden VTA's light rail security: physical site, network, network switches, network intrusion detection, firewalls, network monitoring tools, and adding security enhancements to infrastructure as needed.	Mass Transit - Operating assistance to transit agencies (40 CFR 93.126)	Mass Transit - Purchase of office, shop, and operating equipment for existing facilities (40 CFR 93.126)
Sunset Boulevard Ped Safety and Education	SF-090042	San Francisco: On a two-mile stretch of Sunset Boulevard between Irving Street and Ocean Avenue: Install 4 ped signals, countdown features and accessible pedestrian signals (APS) for visually impaired users.	On a two-mile stretch of Sunset Boulevard between Irving Street and Ocean Avenue, installation of four signalized intersections along Sunset Boulevard that do not have any pedestrian signals. The proposed physical improvements are pedestrian signals with a countdown feature and accessible pedestrian signals (APS) for visually impaired users. There is also an educational component.	Other - Planning activities conducted pursuant to titles 23 and 49 U.S.C. (40 CFR 93.126)	Air Quality - Bicycle and pedestrian facilities (40 CFR 93.126)
Vallejo Station - Pedestrian Links	SOL050023	In Vallejo: York St.; Provide improvements around new transit center, including landscape enhancements, planting, lighting and site furnishing (TLC Project).	In Vallejo: York St.; Provide improvements around new transit center, including hardscape enhancements, planting, lighting and site furnishing, and structures such as bus shelters to create safe, comfortable environment for transit patrons.	Safety - Pavement resurfacing and/or rehabilitation (40 CFR 93.126)	Air Quality - Bicycle and pedestrian facilities (40 CFR 93.126)
Santa Rosa City Bus: Operating Assistance	SON090023	Santa Rosa City Bus: Operating Assistance to Transit Agency.	Santa Rosa City Bus: Operating Assistance to Transit Agency.	Safety - Pavement resurfacing and/or rehabilitation (40 CFR 93.126)	Mass Transit - Operating assistance to transit agencies (40 CFR 93.126)