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Memorandum

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

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RE: Proposed TIP Administrative Modifications: 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 9 projects in the upcoming administrative modification - Revision 2011-11. 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 2011-11

Project Name	TIP ID	Project Description	Expanded Description	Current Exemption Code	Proposed Exemption Code
De Anza Historic Core Linkage	ALA070056	In Oakland's Peralta Hacienda Historical Park located on Coolidge Avenue & Hyde, the project will provide an accessible trail through the Park and connect the upper level to the lower creek. the ADA modified trail segment lies entirely within the Park.	In Oakland's Peralta Hacienda Historical Park (Park) located off of Coolidge Avenue and Hyde, the project will provide an ADA accessible trail through the Park and connect the upper historic level to the lower creek. the ADA modified trail segment lies entirely within the Park.	Exempt (40 CFR 93.126)- Plantings, landscaping, etc.	Exempt (40 CFR 93.126) - Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
Walnut Argonaut Lane Reduction & Roundabout	ALA110045	In the City of Fremont: On Walnut Avenue and Argonaut Way narrow the roadway from four lanes to two lanes. At the intersection of Walnut/Argonaut/Parkhurst Drive. (See Attachment 1)	In the City of Fremont: On Walnut Avenue between Fremont Boulevard and Parkhurst Drive and on Argonaut Way between Mowry Avenue and Parkhurst Drive narrow the roadway from four lanes to two lanes, add parking lanes, install a short median (only on Walnut Avenue, maintain existing bicycle lanes. At the intersection of Walnut Avenue, Argonaut Way, and Parkhurst Drive construct new single lane approach roundabout. Intersection improvements will include new ADA ramps, restriping, new signs, and bulb-outs.	Exempt (40 CFR 93.126)- Safety Improvement Program	NON-EXEMPT – Not Regionally Significant Project
Real-time Transit Information Program	MTC050020	San Francisco Bay Area: Regionwide; Provide real-time transit information to riders at transit stops or via telephone, wireless or internet communication.	San Francisco Bay Area: Regionwide; Provide real-time transit information to riders at transit stops or via telephone, wireless or internet communication. A majority of funding was given to local transit agencies to implement their real-time projects. Identified as Project 19 in legislation.	Exempt (40 CFR 93.126)- Planning and technical studies	Exempt (40 CFR 93.126) - Directional and Informational signs
GL: New Freedom FY 07 Large UA	REG090004	GL: New Freedom FY 07 Large UA. Various FY07 New Freedom projects in large urbanized areas	Regional: Various FY07 New Freedom projects in large urbanized areas. For further detail please see the back-up listing at http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/tip/2011/grouped/REG090004.pdf	Exempt (40 CFR 93.126)- Planning and technical studies	Individual projects fit various codes, but most are "Exempt (40 CFR 93.126)- Operating assistance to transit agencies"
GL: New Freedom FY 07/09 Small UA	REG090005	GL: New Freedom FY 07/09 Small UA. Various FY07 New Freedom projects in small urbanized areas.	Regional: Various FY07 New Freedom projects in small urbanized areas. For further detail please see the back-up listing at http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/tip/2011/grouped/REG090005.pdf	Exempt (40 CFR 93.126)- Planning and technical studies	Individual projects fit various codes, but most are "Exempt (40 CFR 93.126)- Operating assistance to transit agencies"
Highway 9 Safety Improvements	SCL070050	Install pedestrian pathways on one side of Highway 9	Construct missing sections of pedestrian facility on one side of Highway 9 with additional improvements as needed. Pedestrian facilities include PCC sidewalks, raised walkways, asphalt pathway, ADA compatible connections, curbs, curb ramps, driveway reconstruction as needed. The project also includes retaining walls, clearing, grubbing, drainage improvements, signage and miscellaneous items.	Exempt (40 CFR 93.126)- Guardrails, median barriers, crash cushions	Exempt (40 CFR 93.126) - Bicycle and pedestrian facilities

Muni - Route 108 Treasure Island Service	SF-070020	The SFMTA's 108-Treasure Island bus line provides the only public transit service to Treasure Island 24 hours a day.	The SFMTA's 108-Treasure Island bus line provides the only public transit service to the island 24 hours a day. This provides a key regional link to other transit services, as well as access to basic commercial services, filling a need of the low-income transit dependent people living and working on the island. The current economic environment has resulted in significant budget challenges for the SFMTA, and has resulted in the need for Muni service cuts. The 108 Treasure Island is a critical service, and funding would be used to maintain current levels of service in the current year, through the next two fiscal years. Ongoing grant support maintains the additional service provided by previous (LIFT and successor Lifeline Transportation Program) grant awards.	Exempt (40 CFR 93.126)- Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet	Exempt (40 CFR 93.126) – Operating assistance to transit agencies
SR 82-EI Camino Real Signal Coordination	SM-070003	Menlo Park and Millbrae: Along EI Camino Real; Upgrade traffic signals, controllers and interconnect traffic signals.	Menlo Park and Millbrae: On EI Camino Real; upgrade traffic signals and controllers, interconnect traffic signals between Menlo Park and Millbrae.	Exempt (40 CFR 93.127)- Intersection signalization projects at individual intersections	Exempt (40 CFR 93.128) – Traffic signal synchronization projects
King Ridge Rd. Bridge Rehab. Project	SON070026	In Sonoma County: On King Ridge Road, 2.3mi North of Fort Ross Road; rehabilitate one-lane bridge to 2 lanes and scour countermeasure	In Sonoma County: On King Ridge Road, 2.3mi North of Fort Ross Road; rehabilitate one-lane bridge to 2 lanes and scour countermeasure	Exempt (40 CFR 93.126)- Widening narrow pavements or reconstructing bridges (no additional travel lanes)	NON-EXEMPT – Not Regionally Significant Project

Attachment 1 – Map of Walnut Argonaut Lane Reduction & Roundabout Project Area

