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Memorandum

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

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RE: Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit - Interagency Consultation

The purpose of this memo is to seek Task Force concurrence as MTC revises the exemption code for the Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit project in the 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) from Exempt (40 CFR 93.126) - Transportation enhancement activities (except rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities) to Non-Exempt.

Background

The Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit project (TIP ID SF-070005, RTP ID - 230161) is included in the financially constrained Transportation 2035 Plan and 2011 TIP. This project was also 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 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revision

The Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit project (TIP ID SF-070005, RTP ID - 230161) is presently coded as exempt under (40 CFR 93.126) - Transportation enhancement activities (except rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities) with funding in the four year TIP period (see **Attachment A**) but was considered as part of the conformity determination of the 2011 TIP (see **Attachment B**). MTC staff is now proceeding with a revision to correct the air quality exemption code to Non - Exempt to better fit the description of the project and match the conformity analysis and determination.

MTC staff finds that this proposed TIP amendment does not trigger conformity determination and seeks concurrence from the Conformity Task Force. The primary reason is that the project has already been evaluated as part of the conformity analysis on the 2011 TIP and this amendment does not make any changes to the air quality conformity determination.

Attachment A includes the 2011 TIP Project Listing and the proposed amendment of the project.

Attachment B is an excerpt from the Appendix A of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis that lists this project (RTP ID 230161).

**Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Programming Information for Federal Authorization**

Attachment A - The 2011 TIP
Version

- To Be Submitted To Caltrans With Request For Authorization Of Federal Highway Funding -

TIP ID: SF-070005 **ACTIVE** **CTIPS ID: 20600003898**

FMS ID: 2293.00 Version: 6 TIP Status: ACTIVE TIP Revision: 2011-08 TIP Revision Approval Date: 07-08-2011
 County: San Francisco Sponsor: SF County TA Implementing Agency: MUNI

Trans. System: TRANSIT Mode: BUS Sub Mode: State Hwy Rte:
 Project Type: RAPID TRANS BUS Purpose: ENHANCEMENT ITS Project: Yes (High Risk) Project Review:

Project Name: Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit

Project Description: Muni: On Van Ness Avenue from Mission to Lombard; Design and implement a BRT project.

Expanded Description: Design and implement a BRT project on Van Ness Avenue from Mission to Lombard. Project includes planning, environmental, engineering, and construction and may be implemented in phases. Project would be limited to roadway and signaling improvements. Will require coordination with DPW landscaping and resurfacing projects. Alternatives to be considered are center lane and curbside operations. Currently the project is in the environmental analysis phase, so the preferred alternative, cost and schedule have yet to be determined.

RTP Description: Implement a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project on Van Ness Avenue (includes dedicated transit lanes, signal priority and pedestrian and urban design upgrades)

RTP ID: 230161 RTP CYCLE: T-2035 RTP Page No: 102

Air Quality Status: EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Transportation enhancement activities (except rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities)

CMAQ Emissions Reduction Benefit (kg/day)

VOC: 0 PM10: 0 CO: 0
 NOX: 0 PM25: 0 CO2: 0

TIP Funding: (All Funding in Thousands)

Obligation Information

Fund Code	Phase	Prog Year	Total	Prior	FY 10/11	FY 11/12	FY 12/13	FY 13/14	Later	Obligation Information			Toll Cr. Amount
										Fed Proj No.	Date	Amount	
XTRAN	ENV	2007	\$1,950	\$1,950	-	-	-	-	-				
XTRAN	ENV	2011	\$970	-	\$970	-	-	-	-				
XTRAN	PSE	2011	\$2,981	-	\$2,981	-	-	-	-				
5309-T3-SS	PE	2009	\$396	\$396	-	-	-	-	-				
5309-T3-SS	CON	2011	\$15,000	-	\$15,000	-	-	-	-				
OTHER LOCAL	CON	2015	\$55,000	-	-	-	-	-	\$55,000				
XTRAN	CON	2013	\$11,303	-	-	-	\$11,303	-	-				
Project Totals			\$87,600	\$2,346	\$18,951	\$0	\$11,303	\$0	\$55,000				

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End of Project Version: 6

End of TIP ID: SF-070005

Reference Number	Investment*	Project/Program	Complete and Operational By			2011 TIP	Reg'l Signif.
			2015	2025	2035		
San Francisco							
94632	Committed	Extend Third Street Light Rail from Fourth and King streets to Bayshore Caltrain Station	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
98593	New Commitment	Fund the Integrated Transportation Management System (SFgo)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
230161	Committed	Implement a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project on Van Ness Avenue (includes dedicated transit lanes, signal priority and pedestrian and urban design upgrades)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
230164	New Commitment	Implement a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project on Geary Boulevard (includes dedicated transit lanes, signal priority and pedestrian and urban design upgrades)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
230168	New Commitment	Improve the Great Highway between Lincoln Way and 48th Avenue (includes resurfacing roadway, installing drainage systems and constructing medians)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
230207	New Commitment	Implement a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project on the Geneva Avenue/Harney Way corridor (includes new infrastructure and rolling stock)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
230211	New Commitment	Extend trolley coach infrastructure into Mission Bay along 16th Street and Third Street, and implement transit signal priority along 16th Street and Fillmore Street	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
230215	New Commitment	Extend existing trolley coach lines throughout San Francisco	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
230364	Committed	Improve water access to San Francisco parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
230490	New Commitment	Reconstruct and widen Harney Way to 8 lanes (6 mixed flow, 2 bus-only for Bus Rapid Transit service) and improve bicycle lanes and sidewalks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
230517	New Commitment	Improve transit and roadway connectivity between San Francisco and San Mateo counties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
230555	Committed	Reconstruct ramps on the east side of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge's Yerba Buena Island tunnel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
230581	New Commitment	Improve San Francisco ferry infrastructure, including terminals, intermodal connections, ferry berths, emergency response systems and landside improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
230585	New Commitment	Improve the functionality, safety and attractiveness of local streets and arterials in San Francisco	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
230594	New Commitment	Improve San Francisco BART stations to enhance passenger safety, accessibility and capacity, improve signage and provide real time transit information	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
230696	New Commitment	Local streets and roads maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* "Committed" projects are those projects that are fully funded via funds reserved by law for specific uses, or allocated by MTC action prior to the development of the Transportation 2035 Plan

"New Commitment" projects are those projects funded in part or in full with "discretionary funds" which are flexible funds available to MTC (and not already programmed to "Committed" projects) for assignment via the Transportation 2035 Plan planning process.