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*Memorandum*

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

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RE: Proposed TIP 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 upcoming TIP Revisions. The revisions align the code to better fit the description of the project.

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 Revisions**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>TIP ID</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Expanded Description</b>	<b>Current Exemption Code</b>	<b>Proposed Exemption Code</b>
AC Transit Facilities Upgrade	ALA010034	AC Transit: Agency's facilities & equipment upgrades.	This project is part of the District's Facilities & Equipment Maintenance Program established to ensure that District's facilities and equipment are properly maintained to remain in operational conditions to achieve optimum performance. This program helps achieve the maximum economic life from the existing fixed assets at the affordable cost.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Purchase of office, shop, and operating equipment for existing facilities	40 CFR 93.126:{Mass Transit - Reconstruction or renovation of transit buildings and structures}
AC Transit State of Good Repair Program	ALA110008	AC Transit: The project is intended to bring AC Transit's revenue fleet up to a SGR by implementing new SGR process and software in order to reduce operating costs.	The SGR Program entails two discrete phases: Phase I - Procurement and Implementation of Asset Management Database, and Phase II- Inspection and Assessment of Vehicle/Vehicle Component Condition.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Purchase of office, shop, and operating equipment for existing facilities	40 CFR 93.126:{Mass Transit - Rehabilitation of transit vehicles}
WCCTA: Preventive Maintenance Program	CC-030025	WestCat: Operating assistance to aid agency with preventive maintenance activities of its fleet.	Funding will be used to balance the Agency's Operating Budget	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Rehabilitation of transit vehicles	40 CFR 93.126:{Mass Transit - Operating assistance to transit agencies}
Carquinez Scenic Drive, SF Bay Trail Segment	CC-070020	On Carquinez Scenic Drive between Martinez and Port Costa: Repair and reconstruct 1.7 mile trail and construct a Class I multi-use bicycle/pedestrian trail.	Repair and reconstruct the existing 1.7-mile closed portion of Carquinez Scenic Drive (between the City of Martinez and Post Costa) into a Class I multi-use bicycle/pedestrian trail. The trail will be 10-12 feet wide with 2- to 4-foot shoulders. The project will also construct various retaining walls and mechanically stabilized embankments in 6 to 8 areas along the existing roadway to accommodate the trail in the steep terrain. The existing pavement will be reconstructed or overlaid to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian use, and new ditches and cross-drainage facilities will be installed along the length of the project to facilitate proper drainage for the trail.	Non-Exempt	40 CFR 93.126:{Air Quality - Bicycle and pedestrian facilities}

WCCTA - Replace Mobile Column Bus Lifts	CC-090038	WCCTA: Replace shop lifts with new higher capacity Mobile Column lifts to accommodate larger vehicles in fleet.	Replace shop lifts with new higher capacity Mobile Column lifts to accommodate larger vehicles in fleet.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Reconstruction or renovation of transit buildings and structures (e.g., rail or bus buildings, storage and maintenance facilities, stations, terminals, and ancillary structures)	40 CFR 93.126:{Mass Transit - Purchase of office, shop, and operating equipment for existing facilities}
Clipper Fare Collection System	REG090045	San Francisco Bay Area: Region-wide; Design, build, operate and maintain the Clipper fare collection system. Note: Translink became Clipper on 6/16/10.	San Francisco Bay Area: Region-wide; Design, build, operate and maintain the Clipper fare collection system. Note: Translink became Clipper on 6/16/10.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Planning activities conducted pursuant to titles 23 and 49 U.S.C	40 CFR 93.126:{Mass Transit - Purchase of operating equipment for vehicles (e.g. radios, fareboxes, lifts, etc.)}
WETA: Fixed Guideway Connectors	REG090067	WETA; Various locations: This project will replace/rehab fixed guideway connectors such as floats, floating barges, ramps and gangways throughout the system.	This project includes rehabilitating and replacing the floats and gangway systems that allow the passengers to get from the vessels to the terminals (extension of the fixed guideway in the marine environment). This project will also replace existing passenger loading facilities (ramps), floating barges, piers and hydraulic systems.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Purchase of operating equipment for vehicles (e.g., radios, fareboxes, lifts, etc.)	40 CFR 93.126:{Mass Transit - Rehabilitation or reconstruction of track structures, track, and trackbed in existing rights-of-way}

SFMTA: Wayside Fare Collection Equipment	SF-030013	Muni: Replacement of life-expired fare collection equipment.	This project replaces existing technically-obsolete Metro Subway fare collection with a new state-of-the-art fare collection system. The project is composed of the following elements: 1) procuring and installing approximately 100 bi-modal faregates; 2) procuring and installing approximately 67 ticket vending machines, including spares and machines for new locations such as M-Line platforms; 3) installing new control panels and displays for booth agents; and 4) implementing a central control data collection system. Funding will be used for all aspects of the project, including procuring ticket vending machines; integrating the ticket vending machines with the new regional TransLink Smartcard system; site preparation and infrastructure installation; procuring new faregates; and implementing the central data collection system.	NON-EXEMPT	40 CFR 93.126:{Mass Transit - Purchase of operating equipment for vehicles (e.g. radios, fareboxes, lifts, etc.)}
San Francisco SR2S - Education and Outreach	SF-110015	In San Francisco: Countywide: Expansion of the existing San Francisco SR2S education and outreach program.	Expansion of the existing San Francisco Safe Routes to School education and outreach program and additional activities, which include new kindergarten and first-grade curriculum, an idle-reduction program and enhanced outreach for a walking school buses.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Transportation enhancement activities (except rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities)	40 CFR 93.126:{Other - Specific activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as: Planning and technical studies; Grants for training and research programs; Planning activities conducted pursuant to Titles 23 and 49 U.S.C. Federal-aid systems revisions}
Caltrain: Preventive Maintenance	SM-090025	Caltrain:Preventive Maintenance	Caltrain:Preventive Maintenance	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet	40 CFR 93.126:{Mass Transit - Rehabilitation of transit vehicles}

San Mateo County SR2S Program	SM-110022	San Mateo County: Countywide: Provide modularized safe routes to school programs and projects that focuses on education, encouragement, evaluation and enforcement components to all interested schools.	Provide modularized safe routes to school programs and projects that focuses on education, encouragement, evaluation and enforcement components to all interested schools.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Bicycle and pedestrian facilities	40 CFR 93.126:{Other - Specific activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as: Planning and technical studies; Grants for training and research programs; Planning activities conducted pursuant to Titles 23 and 49 U.S.C. Federal-aid systems revisions}
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