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## *Memorandum*

TO: CMA Directors and Programming Staff

DATE: September 5, 2012

FR: Alix Bockelman and Sri Srinivasan, MTC

RE: Postponement of the 2013 TIP Adoption

Staff is recommending postponement of the 2013 TIP adoption to achieve better alignment with the Plan Bay Area development schedule. Staff is proposing to amend the current TIP to include funding in the outer years of the 2011 TIP (FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14) for projects requiring near-term federal action.

### **Background:**

The federally required Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a comprehensive listing of Bay Area surface transportation capital projects that receive federal funds or are subject to a federally required action or are regionally significant. MTC, as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area Region, prepares and adopts the TIP at least once every four years. Federal regulations also require an opportunity for public comment prior to TIP approval.

The Draft 2013 TIP and accompanying Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis were released for public review and comment on June 22, 2012. MTC held a public hearing on July 11, 2012, and the comment period closed on August 2, 2012.

Several commenters noted the timing mismatch between the scheduled adoption of the 2013 TIP and Plan Bay Area. MTC and the other Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in California have historically followed a Caltrans directed update schedule (that is consistent statewide) to update the TIP every two years. However, staff is recommending postponement of the 2013 TIP adoption to achieve better alignment with the Plan Bay Area development schedule, with an anticipated adoption in spring 2013.

Staff will continue the Draft 2013 TIP development through the fall and winter, and make necessary changes as a result of the adoption of Plan Bay Area. The revised 2013 TIP adoption schedule will provide additional opportunities for public review.

### **Next Steps:**

Given the proposed deferral in the adoption of the TIP, staff has reviewed the project changes requested in the 2013 TIP and is recommending to move forward with three routine revisions to the 2011 TIP:

- Two administrative modifications (2011-26 and 2011-27): Among other changes, the two administrative modifications
  - Updates the funding plan of the several projects to reprogram funds from FY 2011-12 to FY2012-13 or FY 2013-14, consistent with the changes made as part of the 2013 TIP process;
  - Updates the funding plan and back-up lists of some grouped listings and splits out the programming for fiscal years 2013 onwards to form new listings, per Caltrans' request, to reflect CTC actions or commission actions for changes in regional programs;
  - Updates the funding plan of several transit projects to reflect changes in the Transit Capital Priority program (FY 2011-12 POP changes); and
  - Per sponsor requests, updates the funding plan to change the programming year of unobligated earmarks and other federal funds.
- One amendment (2011-28): Among other changes, the revision:
  - Updates the funding plans of several projects to reflect programming actions taken by federal agencies - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); Federal Transit Administration (FTA); the state department of transportation - Caltrans and the MTC Commission;
  - Adds two new non-exempt projects and five exempt projects to the TIP;
  - Deletes four duplicate projects from the TIP; and
  - Updates the funding plan and back-up listing of eight Caltrans managed grouped listings to reflect the latest information from Caltrans and splits out the programming for fiscal years 2013 onwards to form new listings, per Caltrans' request, with a net increase in SHOPP programming of \$254.4 million.

These routine revisions will make many of the changes requested as part of the 2013 TIP update. In addition, staff has analyzed the projects to ensure that projects that had funding in the four years of the 2013 TIP still have funding in the latter two years of the 2011 TIP (FY2012-13 and FY2013-14). Changes not recommended at this time include project archiving and project schedule delays – these changes will occur with the 2013 TIP. The revised 2011 TIP, covering the four-year period of FY 2010-11 through FY 2013-14, will be submitted to Caltrans by October 1, 2012. This TIP will be included as part of the 2013 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (2013 FSTIP) which is on schedule for federal approval in late December 2012.

Until MTC adopts an updated 2013 TIP in spring 2013, the 2011 TIP is considered to be active. However, given that the FSTIP covers the four-year period of FY 2012-13 through FY 2015-16, Caltrans may only recognize two years (FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14). Funds programmed in any other year may be considered to be for informational purposes only. To reiterate, a project with no funding in FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14 will likely require a TIP revision for any federal action to occur.

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If, based on your review of the proposed 2011 TIP revisions above, you have proposed revisions that are necessary to support a near-term federal action, please let MTC staff know as soon as possible, preferably before September 10<sup>th</sup>.

We appreciate and recognize the significant amount of time that many of you have put into the 2013 TIP development process. The efforts to-date will not be lost in the proposed extended 2013 TIP development process.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Sri Srinivasan ([ssrinivasan@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:ssrinivasan@mtc.ca.gov)) or Adam Crenshaw ([acrenshaw@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:acrenshaw@mtc.ca.gov)).

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