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Memorandum

TO: Partnership Local Streets and Roads Working Group
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RE: TIP Programming for Remainder of FY 2012-13

Below is a brief outline of a few events in the months ahead related to the programming of projects in the federal TIP for the remainder of the federal fiscal year - through the end of September 2013. Sponsors with projects that may need to be revised in the TIP between January and September 2013 should plan accordingly.

Cycle 2/ OBAG Programming

MTC and the CMAs are in various stages of selecting projects for Cycle 2/ OBAG funding. The ability and timing for including these funds in the TIP depends upon the issues outlined below. Generally there are two opportunities to include these new funds into the current 2011 TIP prior to approval of the new 2013 TIP by FHWA/FTA in late summer/early fall 2013. The next opportunity is in February 2013 (requests due to MTC by January 15) with the second and last opportunity in May 2013 (requests due to MTC by April 1).

For the upcoming new 2013 TIP, sponsors have until February 21, 2013 to submit requests to MTC to include new Cycle 2/ OBAG funding in the 2013 TIP, or sponsors may submit their requests by August 1, 2013 to be included in an amendment to the 2013 TIP scheduled for early fall 2013. Once the new 2013 TIP is approved, any new OBAG funding may be included through subsequent revisions to the 2013 TIP starting in the fall 2013.

2013 TIP Development

Approval of the 2013 TIP is scheduled to coincide with approval of Plan Bay Area. This requires a review of the TIP project listings and a mandatory shutdown of the current TIP while we re-align any project changes since the draft 2013 TIP was initially reviewed by project sponsors last year. There are two opportunities to revise the 2011 TIP prior to FHWA/FTA approval of the new 2013 TIP in fall 2013. This is further outlined below:

The TIP will be shut down on February 15, 2013 to finish the 2013 TIP development process. Sponsors have until January 15, 2013 to request changes to be included in the February 2011 TIP amendment prior to the shutdown.

Once the draft 2013 TIP is released for public comment in the spring, a window of opportunity opens for revising the 2011 TIP one last time. This last amendment will be to accommodate any funding issues that must be addressed prior to the end of the federal fiscal year. Sponsors have until April 1, 2013 to request changes to this last 2011 TIP revision,

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which will be approved by MTC in May. We are asking FHWA/FTA to expedite their approval of this amendment in late May, 2013. This will be the last chance to amend the current 2011 TIP prior to the end of the federal fiscal year, and prior to approval of the new 2013 TIP in late summer/early fall. Any changes made to the 2011 TIP in May that affect FY 2013-14 and beyond will need to be added back into the 2013 TIP through a subsequent amendment to the 2013 TIP.

Air Quality Conformity Lapse - Grace Period

Under federal regulations, the air quality conformity for the Plan and TIP is valid for 4 years. If a new Air Quality conformity is not approved again within a 4-year period the region goes into an Air Conformity lapse grace period, followed by a full lapse one year later. MTC's AQ conformity for the current plan was approved on June 3, 2009, will lapse on June 3, 2013, and will enter the one-year grace period ending June 3, 2014. During the AQ grace period, FHWA/FTA can continue to authorize projects and approve environmental documents as long as the projects are already in the TIP. However, no amendments to the TIP may be approved for any change (both exempt and non-exempt projects) until approval of the AQ conformity for the 2013 TIP in late summer/early fall. We expect the AQ conformity to be approved by FHWA within two months following MTC approval of Plan Bay Area, which is now scheduled for June 2013. This means the last opportunity to amend the 2011 TIP, until the 2013 TIP is approved in late summer/early fall, is in May.

Tentative schedule for revising the TIP through October 2013:

Below is a tentative schedule for revising the TIP through October 2013, and is subject to change:

January 15, 2013: Deadline for submitting changes to 2011 TIP for February TIP Revision
 February 15, 2013: TIP shut down for development of 2013 TIP - no 2011 TIP Revisions until May.
 February 21, 2013: Deadline for submitting requests for inclusion in 2013 TIP
 April 1, 2013: Deadline for submitting the last changes to 2011 TIP for May TIP Revision
 May 22, 2013: MTC approves last 2011 TIP Revision
 May 31, 2013: FHWA approves last 2011 TIP Amendment (anticipated)
 June 3, 2013: Region enters air quality conformity lapse grace period - no TIP Amendments until the air quality conformity is approved for Plan Bay Area and 2013 TIP by FHWA/FTA/EPA.
 August 1, 2013: Deadline for submitting changes to be included in first amendment to 2013 TIP.
 September/October 2013: FHWA/FTA/EPA approval of 2013 TIP and AQ conformity.
 Revisions to the new 2013 TIP may begin.
 November/December 2013: FHWA/FTA approval of amendment to 2013 TIP.

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