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Memorandum

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

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RE: HSIP Funded Road Diet Projects - Interagency Consultation

The purpose of this memo is to seek the Air Quality Conformity Task Force's concurrence that two road diet projects currently included in the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grouped Listing (TIP ID: VAR110007) may be separated out from the grouped listing and individually listed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as Non-Exempt, Not Regionally Significant projects for regional air quality conformity purposes.

Project Descriptions

1. TIP ID: ALA110085

Project Title: Shoreline and Westline Drive Bike Lanes

Sponsor: City of Alameda

Description: Alameda: Shoreline Dr-Westline Dr to Broadway; Westline Dr-Otis Dr to Shoreline Dr; Broadway-Shoreline Dr to Bayview Dr: Reduce travel lanes from 4 to 2; Install bike lanes, parking, bike racks, crosswalks, bus shelters, drainage, ADA upgrades and bus pad

Expanded Description: On Shoreline Drive between Westline Drive and Broadway; On Westline Drive between Otis Drive and Shoreline Drive; On Broadway between Shoreline Drive and Bayview Drive. The project will reduce the number of travel lanes from four to two; install new bicycle lanes, parking spaces, bicycle racks, crosswalk(s) and bus shelters; construct drainage improvements, ADA upgrades and bus pad.

2. TIP ID: SOL110037

Project Title: Sonoma Boulevard Improvements

Sponsor: City of Vallejo

Description: Vallejo: Sonoma Blvd between Georgia St and Florida St: Implement road diet - reduce travel lanes from 4 to 3, add a two-way left-turn lane or median, and add bike lanes

Expanded Description: Vallejo: Sonoma Blvd between Georgia St and Florida St: Implement "road diet" - reduce travel lanes from 4 to 3, add a two-way left-turn lane or median, and add bike lanes. HSIP5-04-031

Conformity Issue

The projects above are road diet projects and may not currently be treated as exempt from regional and project level conformity under 40 CFR 93.126 – Safety Improvement Program. However, both projects have traffic volumes under 20,000 ADT and are not regionally significant, therefore are not modeled for conformity at the regional level.

MTC staff requests the Conformity Task Force's concurrence that these two projects be deemed Non-Exempt, Not Regionally Significant for regional conformity purposes. MTC staff is not seeking a determination on the status of these projects for project-level conformity purposes at this time.

Proposed 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

The 2011 TIP is financially constrained and covers the four fiscal years FY 2010-11 through FY 2013-2014. MTC adopted the 2011 TIP on October 27, 2010 (Resolution No. 3975). In addition, MTC made a conformity determination that finds the 2011 TIP and Transportation 2035 Plan conform to applicable federal air quality standards and implementation plans (Resolution No. 3976). Both the 2011 TIP and conformity determination were approved by FHWA/FTA on December 14, 2010.

The projects outlined above are presently included in the 2011 TIP as part of the HSIP Grouped Listing (VAR110007). It should be noted that the Sonoma Boulevard Improvements project currently has no funding in the four-year TIP period. Since Non-Exempt projects may not be included in grouped listings, MTC staff is proposing an amendment to the 2011 TIP (TIP Revision 2011-33) to remove these projects from that grouped listing and to create individual listings for each of them.