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Memorandum

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

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RE: Interagency Consultation on the Regional Air Quality Conformity Status of the Eddy and Ellis Traffic Calming Improvement Project

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority (SFMTA) has requested that the regional Air Quality Conformity Task Force (Task Force) review the attached letter regarding their proposed Eddy and Ellis Traffic Calming Improvement Project. SFMTA has requested the Task Force's concurrence that the addition of this project to the 2013 TIP will not require an update to the regional Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis for *Plan Bay Area* and the 2013 TIP (Conformity Analysis) and that the project be deemed a non-exempt, not regionally significant project. This project has already undergone interagency consultation for project-level PM_{2.5} air quality conformity and the Task Force found that the project was not a project of air quality concern for PM_{2.5} on August 1, 2013.

Eddy and Ellis Traffic Calming Improvement Project

FMS ID: 5735

Sponsor: SFMTA

Proposed Description: San Francisco: On Eddy St between Leavenworth and Cyril Magnin and on Ellis St between Jones and Cyril Magnin: Convert one-way streets to two-way streets and implement pedestrian and traffic calming improvements

Proposed Expanded Description: Implement pedestrian and traffic calming improvements along Eddy and Ellis Streets including: a) the conversion from one-way streets to two-way streets, b) full signal upgrades at selected locations, and c) sidewalk bulbouts at selected locations.

Conformity Issue

As the scope of this project includes the conversion of two one-way streets to two two-way streets, the project cannot be considered exempt from the regional transportation air quality conformity analysis requirements. This project was included as part of a programmatic project listing in the active RTP for the region, *Plan Bay Area*. As such, the improvements proposed as part of this project are not currently included in the regional Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis for *Plan Bay Area* and the 2013 TIP. SFMTA has conducted an analysis (see Attachment A) documenting the potential environmental impacts of the project and found that the project does not result in significant environmental impact.

SFMTA has requested that MTC amend this project into the 2013 TIP as part of TIP amendment 2013-15, which is scheduled to be approved by the Commission on May 28, 2014. SFMTA has proposed that this project should reference the programmatic RTP ID 240544 (Implement San Francisco's Lifeline Transportation program) to demonstrate consistency with *Plan Bay Area*. MTC staff requests concurrence from the Task Force that the addition of this project to the 2013 TIP will not require an update to the regional Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

Attachments

Attachment A – SFMTA Letter regarding the Regional Air Quality Conformity Status of the Eddy and Ellis Traffic Calming Improvement Project