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Memorandum

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

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RE: Informational Update on the Proposed Final Conformity Analysis for the 2015 Transportation Improvement Program and Plan Bay Area

MTC staff completed the Proposed Final Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis (Conformity Analysis) for the Plan and the 2015 TIP. The Conformity Analysis includes updates to project schedules to reflect current information provided by project sponsors.

This proposed final conformity analysis demonstrates that both the proposed final 2015 TIP and Plan Bay Area are consistent with (“conform to”) the federal air quality plan, which is referred to as the State Implementation Plan (SIP), meaning that the transportation activities will not cause new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the federal air quality standards. The proposed final conformity analysis finds that emissions in the Proposed Final 2015 TIP and Plan Bay Area are lower than the air quality budgets (for Ozone and Carbon Monoxide) and baseline emission levels (for PM_{2.5}) meeting the requirements related to carbon monoxide, ozone, PM_{2.5}, and the implementation of transportation control measures.

The Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis document was released for public review and comment beginning on June 26, 2014 and ended on July 31, 2014. The public comments received and MTC’s responses to these comments are contained in **Section V and Appendix E** of the proposed final report. No revisions to the Proposed Final Conformity Analysis are needed in response to comments.

In addition, technical corrections included in proposed final report are also listed in **Appendix E**.

Next Steps

The final documents, comments received and the agency’s responses are scheduled to be considered at the September Programming and Allocations Committee meeting. The final documents are scheduled to be presented for approval at the September 24, 2014 Commission meeting. Final federal approval of the 2015 TIP is expected in December 2014.