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Memorandum

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

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RE: Proposed changes to be made with 2015 TIP Amendment 15-06

The 2015 TIP and the Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis on Plan Bay Area and the 2015 TIP (conformity analysis) were approved by the Commission on September 24, 2014 as part of the 2015 TIP update process. Final federal approval of these documents was received on December 15, 2014.

Staff has received a requests to add one new project to the 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with TIP amendment 15-06 that is not exempt from regional conformity analysis. This amendment is scheduled to be approved by the Commission in February, 2015, and final federal approval is expected in April, 2015. Staff is requesting the Task Force's concurrence that the addition of this project to the 2015 TIP will not require an update to the conformity analysis. Details on the project and regional air quality conformity issues are included below. The project will still come before the Task Force for project-level conformity determination separately, if required.

Mountain View Double Track Improvements – Phase I

FMS ID: 5998.00

Sponsor: VTA

Description: In Mountain View: From Mountain View Station to the west side of SR-85: Extend existing storage track 1,400 ft to allow for double-tracking and build new storage track

Expanded Description: Phase I of the Mountain View Double Track Improvements project will include the following: (1)Add a second light rail track over a distance of approximately 1,400 feet by extending the existing storage track east of Mountain View Station toward the west side of the State Route 85 overcrossing. (2)Construct a replacement storage track to provide storage for two three-car trains.

Conformity Issue

The Mountain View Double Track Improvements – Phase I project is not currently included in the 2015 TIP. Staff is proposing a revision to the 2015 TIP that would add this project with funding for capital phases in the four active years of the 2015 TIP. Since the scope of this project involves the construction of new track for light rail transit, it cannot be considered exempt from regional conformity analysis.

However, the scope of this project is already included in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis under RTP ID 240518 (see Attachment A). RTP ID 240518 is a larger transit expansion project that includes the Mountain View Double Track Improvements – Phase I segment along with other changes. While the full extent of the project described under RTP ID 240518 is not

expected to be completed until after 2030, the transit service changes that will eventually result from the Mountain View Double Track – Phase I project are included in MTC’s Regional Travel Model and the recently approved conformity analysis as being implemented between 2016 and 2020. Furthermore, while the construction of the Mountain View Double Track – Phase I project is expected to be completed in 2015, the service changes are not currently expected to be implemented until early 2016, after the completion of Phase II.

As the Mountain View Double Track – Phase I project as described in the proposed revision to the 2015 TIP is consistent with the current conformity analysis, staff requests the Task Force’s concurrence that the addition of this project to the 2015 TIP will not require an update to that conformity analysis.