

**Air Quality Conformity Task Force  
Summary Meeting Notes  
December 4, 2014**

Participants:

Ginger Vagenas – EPA  
Andrea Gordon – BAAQMD  
Ted Mately – FTA  
Kevin Rohani – City of Oakley  
Jason Kabalin – City of Oakley  
Deryk Daquigan – Consultant Senior  
Engineer, City of South San Francisco

Dick Fahey – Caltrans  
Amir Fanai – BAAQMD  
Rodney Tavitas – Caltrans  
Mallory Atkinson – MTC  
Adam Crenshaw – MTC  
Harold Brazil – MTC

**1. Welcome and Self Introductions:** Harold Brazil (MTC) called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

**2. PM<sub>2.5</sub> Interagency Consultations**

**a. Consultation to Determine Project of Air Quality Concern Status**

**i. Main Street (Previously SR4) Realignment Project**

Jason Kabalin (City of Oakley) started his presentation on the Main Street (Previously SR4) Realignment project by indicating that the project will construct improvements on Main Street between Vintage Drive and Second Street and includes Class 3 bike routes with sharrows, sidewalk, signalization at two intersections, curb and gutter extensions, ADA compliant curb ramps.

Mr. Kabalin went on to say that the project facilitates visitor travel into the downtown area and also promotes a more pedestrian friendly and calm traffic atmosphere by the construction of bulb outs and angled parking. Mr. Kabalin also noted that the Main Street Realignment project promotes economic activity in the City of Oakley downtown area.

Mr. Kabalin pointed out that the construction of the connector ramps for CA-160 will remove truck traffic in the City of Oakley to gain access to the bypass.

Dick Fahey (Caltrans) asked a clarifying question about the source of the 5% truck estimate included in the project assessment form and Mr. Kabalin responded by indicating that it was a Caltrans' truck count which was a high/conservative estimate.

Rodney Tavitas (Caltrans) asked if the Main Street Realignment project fell into the 40 CFR 93.127 (projects exempt from regional emissions analyses, but may still require project-level conformity determination) category and Harold Brazil (MTC) indicated that it was.

Ginger Vagenas (EPA) felt that the project had no significant effect on truck traffic and did not think the project was of air quality concern. Ms. Vagenas did ask for clarification on NEPA delegation codes for projects and Mr. Tavitas responded by saying that Section 6004 project types

receive project level conformity determinations from Caltrans and Section 6005 project types receive project level conformity determinations from FHWA.

Amir Fanai (BAAQMD) asked if the growth of the 2020 ADT (relative to the opening year ADT values) is only due to demographic growth in the project area and does not have to do with the project itself and Mr. Kabalin confirmed that it was historical projected growth used to estimate the 2020 ADT.

Ted Mately (FTA) agreed and did not feel that the Main Street Realignment project was of air quality concern.

**Final Determination:** With input from FTA, EPA, Caltrans and FHWA (via email correspondence after the meeting), the Task Force concluded that the Main Street (Previously SR4) Realignment project was not of air quality concern.

## **ii. Junipero Serra Blvd at King Drive Project**

Deryk Daquigan (representing the City of South San Francisco) started his presentation on the Junipero Serra Blvd at King Drive project by indicating that the project is basically a traffic signal-intersection safety improvement project. Mr. Daquigan also indicated that the project will address:

- The need that there are no island passage ways currently included at the project location.
- Collisions because of failure to yield and running red lights
- The removal confusing traffic signals
- No adverse effect to truck levels in the build scenario
- The need for an upgrade to the traffic signals (which will improving safety)

Rodney Tavitias (Caltrans) asked if any new signals were included in the project and Mr. Daquigan indicated that two signal heads (new) were included and these were really just an upgrade to the exiting and changing left turn movements.

Ginger Vagenas (EPA) did not feel that this project was a POAQC, but asked if there were any lane changes for geometry changes for right turn and left turn movements included in the project and Mr. Daquigan indicated that there were some slight geometry changes occurring in the project to allow for smoother right turn movements.

**Final Determination:** With input from FTA, EPA, Caltrans and FHWA (via email correspondence after the meeting), the Task Force concluded that the Junipero Serra Blvd at King Drive project was not of air quality concern.

### **b. Confirmation of the list of exempt projects from PM<sub>2.5</sub> conformity (2b\_Exempt List 112014.pdf)**

**SOL110037**, the Sonoma Boulevard Improvements HSIP5-04-031 project was removed from the 2b\_Exempt List 112014.pdf list of exempt projects due to road diet construction included in the project and will be brought back to the Task Force at a later date.

The Task Force also omitted projects **SOL110055** and **SOL110056** (both in Vacaville) from the 2b\_Exempt List 112014.pdf list of exempt projects pending additional information from the sponsor.

**Final Determination:** With input from FHWA (via email after the meeting), FTA, EPA, Caltrans and MTC, the Task Force agreed, with the exclusion of projects SOL110037, SOL110055 and SOL110056, that the rest of the projects on the exempt list (**2b\_Exempt List 112014.pdf**) were exempt from PM<sub>2.5</sub> project level analysis.

### 3. Projects with Regional Air Quality Conformity Concerns

Adam Crenshaw (MTC) indicated that MTC staff has received requests to revise one existing project and to add one new project to the 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with TIP amendment 15-02. Mr. Crenshaw went onto say that this amendment was scheduled to be approved by the Commission on December 2014 and final federal approval is expected in early 2015, after the 2015 TIP receives final federal approval.

Mr. Crenshaw requested the Task Force's concurrence that the addition of these projects to the 2015 TIP will not require an update to the regional conformity analysis. (While the projects will still come before the Task Force for project-level conformity determination separately, if required)

Proposed changes made with 2015 TIP Amendment 15-02 are as follows:

- 1.- Greenwood Ave Bridge (21C0042) Replacement (NAP150002)
- 2.- Redwood-Fairgrounds Dr Interchange Improvements (SOL090015)
- 3.- Quint-Jerrold Connector Road (TIP ID SF-150008)

After going through each project, the Task Force engaged in some minor discussion and Ginger Vagenas (EPA) asked for confirmation that the Redwood-Fairgrounds Dr Interchange Improvements project was analyzed (and operational) in the 2040 analysis year only. Mr. Crenshaw responded by indicating the project description in the 2015 will document the project being operational in the 2040 analysis year only.

**Final Determination:** For all three projects above and with some very minor comment, Caltrans, EPA, FTA and FHWA (via email) all indicated that they agreed with MTC staff that including these projects in the 2015 TIP Amendment 15-02 will not require an update to the regional conformity analysis.

### 4. Consent Calendar

#### a. October 23, 2014 Air Quality Conformity Task Force Meeting Summary

**Final Determination:** With input from all members, the Task Force concluded that the consent calendar was approved