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Memorandum

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

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FR: Adam Crenshaw

RE: Review of the Regional Conformity Status for New and Revised Projects

Staff has prepared the following information in an effort to streamline the review of the regional air quality conformity implications of projects that staff proposes to revise or add into the 2015 TIP through current or future revisions. This item is for advisory purposes only. The inclusion of these projects and project changes in a proposed revision to the TIP is subject to Commission approval in the case of amendments and MTC's Executive Director or Deputy Executive Director in the case of administrative modifications. The final determination of the regional air quality conformity status of these projects will be made by the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency as part of their review of proposed final TIP amendments and by the Executive Director or Deputy Executive Director as part of their review for TIP administrative modifications. Staff is not requesting a review of the project-level air quality conformity implications of these projects through this item. Details of each project and category of projects under review is as follows:

New Project Staff is Proposing to Include in the 2015 TIP

Staff has received requests from a sponsor to add one of new project to the 2015 TIP. Attachment A includes this project along with the regional air quality exemption category that staff believes best describes the project.

Projects Amended into the 2015 TIP Prior to the Current AQCTF Review Procedures

A number of projects were amended into the 2015 TIP through revisions prior to the implementation of the current AQCTF review procedures on February 26, 2015. While these projects were reviewed by some members of the Task Force as part of the TIP amendment review process, they were not brought to the Task Force as a whole for review and consultation. Staff believes that all of these projects are exempt from regional air quality conformity analysis under 40 CFR 93.126 or 40 CFR 93.127. In an effort to allow all Task Force members to raise any questions or concerns, these projects are now being presented. Attachment A also includes a list of these projects and the regional air quality exemption category that staff believes best describes the project.