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## *Memorandum*

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

DATE: December 3, 2015

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:

### Projects Staff is Proposing to Include in the 2015 TIP

Staff has received requests from sponsors to add four new individually listed project and 37 new group listed projects to the 2015.

Seven of the 37 new group listed projects are bridge projects that replace obsolete one-lane bridges in rural areas with two-lane bridges. These projects were brought to the Task Force at the April 23, 2015 meeting, before the projects were selected for the Highway Bridge Program (HBP). At that meeting, the members of the Task Force concurred that these projects qualified as exempt under 40 CFR 93.126. The attachment to the original agenda item for these projects can be found at [http://apps.mtc.ca.gov/meeting\\_packet\\_documents/agenda\\_2398/3a\\_Attachment\\_C\\_List\\_of\\_Propsed\\_New\\_Local\\_Highway\\_Bridge\\_Program\\_Projects.pdf](http://apps.mtc.ca.gov/meeting_packet_documents/agenda_2398/3a_Attachment_C_List_of_Propsed_New_Local_Highway_Bridge_Program_Projects.pdf) and the meeting notes summary for that meeting can be found at [http://apps.mtc.ca.gov/meeting\\_packet\\_documents/agenda\\_2422/6a\\_AQCTF\\_Meeting\\_Notes\\_Summary\\_-\\_42315.pdf](http://apps.mtc.ca.gov/meeting_packet_documents/agenda_2422/6a_AQCTF_Meeting_Notes_Summary_-_42315.pdf). The projects have since been awarded federal funding through the HBP and staff is now proposing to add them to the 2015 TIP.

Attachment A includes a list of these 41 projects along with the regional air quality category that staff believes best describes the projects.