

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

May 10, 2006

Item Number 3c

Release of Draft 2007 TIP and Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Finding on the Draft 2007 TIP

Subject: Release of the Draft 2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Finding on the 2007 TIP for public review and comment.

Background: The federally required TIP is a comprehensive listing of all Bay Area transportation projects that receive federal funds or that are subject to a federally required action or are regionally significant. The 2007 TIP is the first TIP produced as part of the new federal authorization, Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA). As such, MTC is taking steps to meet new requirements of SAFETEA, while waiting for the release of final guidance from the federal agencies on these specific planning requirements. For example, MTC has historically prepared and adopted the TIP every two years. SAFETEA includes provisions to modify this schedule to a four-year cycle.

All projects included in the TIP must be consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and must be analyzed to determine if the program complies or “conforms” with federal air quality plans (known as the State Implementation Plan or SIP) and regulations. The TIP must be financially constrained by year, and include an overall financial summary.

MTC is in the process of developing the 2007 TIP, which includes a financial constraint analysis and is also in the process of preparing an Air Quality Conformity Analysis for projects contained in the Draft 2007 TIP to federal air quality regulations. The conformity determination will be made under the motor vehicles emissions budget contained in the 2001 Ozone Attainment Plan for the federal 8-hour ozone standard and the 2004 Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan for carbon monoxide. The status of Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) A through E from the 2001 Ozone Attainment Plan will be updated to demonstrate their timely implementation. The result of the conformity analysis will be a draft air quality conformity determination on the 2007 TIP.

Both draft documents will be released for a public review and comment period beginning on May 26, 2006 and ending on June 30, 2006. A public hearing on the documents will be held at the Programming and Allocations Committee meeting on June 14, 2006. The final document will be presented for approval at the July 26, 2006 Commission meeting. The 2007 TIP, and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis are due to Federal and State reviewing agencies by August 1, 2006. Key dates leading up to adoption and approval of the 2007 TIP included in the attachment.

Issues: None.

Recommendation: MTC staff recommends the Committee authorize the release of the Draft 2007 TIP and the Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis on the 2007 TIP on May 26, 2006 for public review and comment, and authorize a public hearing to be held on June 14, 2006 during the Committee meeting.

Attachment: 2007 TIP Development Schedule

**2007 TIP
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
2007 TIP Development Schedule**

Fri., May 5, 2006	All elements for 2007 TIP to be completed in final draft form
Wed., May 10, 2006	PAC Meeting – authorize public hearing and release Draft 2007 TIP & AQ Conformity
Tues. May 16, 2006	Review of Admin. Draft Conformity Analysis by AQCTF
Fri. May 26, 2006	Begin of Public Review Period for 2007 TIP and Conformity Analysis
Wed., Jun. 14, 2006	Public Hearing on Draft TIP and AQ Conformity Analysis – June PAC Meeting
Fri., June 30, 2006	End of Pubic Review Period for Draft TIP and Conformity Analysis
Thurs., July 6, 2006	Review response to comments / Final AQ Conformity report by Air Quality Conformity Task Force (AQCTF)
Tue., July 11, 2006	Final Draft 2007 TIP & AQ Conformity complete / Response to comments available
Wed., July 12, 2006	PAC review of Final 2007 TIP and Final Conformity analysis and referral to Commission
Wed., July 26, 2006	Final 2007 TIP and Final Air Quality Conformity analysis approved by Commission
Fri., July 28, 2006	2007 TIP submitted to Caltrans / AQ Conformity Analysis submitted to FHWA/FTA
Friday Sept. 1, 2006	Final 2007 TIP and AQ Conformity Analysis Due to FHWA/FTA
Mon., Oct 2, 2006	Final 2007 TIP approved by FHWA and FTA