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Air Quality Conformity Task Force

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Mount Hamilton Conference Room

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(Note: Meeting will be conducted via Webex conference call)

Conference Call Number: Dial - **(415) 655-0002 (Access Code: 920 067 045)**

Participant ID is # **button**.

May 28, 2020

9:30 a.m. –11:00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. PM_{2.5} Project Conformity Interagency Consultations
 - a. Confirm Projects Are Exempt from PM_{2.5} Conformity
3. Projects with Regional Air Quality Conformity Concerns
 - a. Review of the Regional Conformity Status for New and Revised Projects
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3a_Attachment-A_List_of_Proposed_New_Projects_052820.pdf
4. Consent Calendar
 - a. April 23, 2020 Air Quality Conformity Task Force Meeting Summary
5. Other Items –
 - a. SAFE Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021-2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks
 - b. I-680 Express Lanes Gap Closure Conformity Analysis for the Amendment to PBA2040 and the 2019 TIP
 - c. Conformity SIP Revision Update
 - d. MTC Webex to Zoom Transition

Next Meeting: June 25, 2020

MTC Staff Liaison: Harold Brazil hbrazil@bayareametro.gov



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Memorandum

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

DATE: May 14, 2020

FR: Harold Brazil

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RE: PM_{2.5} Project Conformity Interagency Consultation

MTC requests the review and concurrence from the Air Quality Conformity Task Force (AQCTF) that the list of projects sponsors have identified as exempt and likely not to be a POAQC. **2a_Exempt List 05142020.pdf** lists exempt projects under 40 CFR 93.126.

40 CFR 93.126 Exempt Projects List

County	TIP ID	Sponsor	Project Name	Project Description	Expanded Description	Project Type under 40 CFR 93.126
SCL	SCL170038	Los Altos	Los Altos: Fremont Ave Pavement Preservation	Los Altos: Fremont Ave between Grant Rd and Stevens Creek (City Limit): Rehabilitate roadway	Los Altos: Fremont Ave between Grant Rd and Stevens Creek (City Limit): Rehabilitate roadway including base failure repairs (4" digout repair), roadway milling for smooth transition, overlaying 1.5" to 2" AC, and enhance the existing striping for buffer bike lane, where feasible	Safety - Pavement resurfacing or rehabilitation



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Memorandum

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

DATE: May 28, 2020

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 add into the 2019 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.

Changes Staff is Proposing to Include in the 2019 TIP

Staff is proposing to add 29 individually listed projects to the 2019 TIP. The description of the other new projects along with the regional air quality category that staff believes best describes the projects are included on Attachment A.

MTC staff is not seeking a determination on the status of these projects for project-level conformity purposes with this item.

Review of the Regional Conformity Status for New and Revised Projects - Attachment A							
County	TIP ID/FMS ID	Sponsor	Project Name	Project Description	Project Expanded Description	Project Type	
Proposed New Individually-Listed Projects for Regional Air Quality Conformity Status Review							
1	Alameda	ALA190023	AC Transit	AC Transit: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	AC Transit: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	AC Transit: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief
2	Alameda	ALA190025	BART	BART: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	BART: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	BART: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Construction or renovation of power, signal, and communications systems
3	Alameda	ALA190026	LAVTA	LAVTA: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	LAVTA: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	LAVTA: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief
4	Alameda	ALA190024	SJRC	ACE: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	ACE: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	ACE: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief
5	Alameda	ALA190027	Union C Transit	Union City Transit: CARES Emergency Transit Ops	Union City Transit: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to response to coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	Union City Transit: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief

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County	TIP ID/FMS ID	Sponsor	Project Name	Project Description	Project Expanded Description	Project Type
6 Contra Costa	CC-190013	CCCTA	CCCTA: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	CCCTA: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	CCCTA: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief
7 Contra Costa	CC-190014	ECCTA	ECCTA: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	ECCTA: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, and administrative leave	ECCTA: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief
8 Contra Costa	CC-190015	WCCTA	WCCTA: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	WCCTA: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	WCCTA: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief
9 Marin	MRN190014	GGBHTD	GGBHTD: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	GGBHTD: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	GGBHTD: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief
10 Marin	MRN190013	MCTD	Marin Transit: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	Marin Transit: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	Marin Transit: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief
11 Napa	NAP190005	NVTA	NVTA: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	NVTA: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	NVTA: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief

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12 Regional	REG190001	MTC	MTC: CARES Emergency Planning and Operations	MTC: Regionwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	MTC: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief
13 San Francisco	SF-190007	SFMTA	SFMTA: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	SFMTA: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	SFMTA: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief
14 San Mateo	SM-190011	Caltrain	Caltrain: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	Caltrain: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	Caltrain: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief
15 San Mateo	SM-190010	SamTrans	SamTrans: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	SamTrans: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	SamTrans: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief
16 Santa Clara	SCL190039	VTA	VTA: Facilities ADA Upgrades	VTA: Various passenger facilities Systemwide: Modify and upgrade ADA non-compliant items to bring them up to current ADA codes and fully compliant	VTA: Various passenger facilities Systemwide: Modify, construct and mitigate ADA non-compliant items at the following passenger facilities to bring facilities up to current codes and fully compliant: Transit Centers at Eastridge Paratransit, Eastridge, Gilroy, and Palo Alto; Park & Ride Lots at Morgan Hill Caltrain, San Martin, Santa Teresa, and Tamien; and Bus Stops at 581 locations. Sample items for upgrading include parking stalls, striping and signage, ramps, walkways, stairs, restroom facilities, corridors, entrances, doors, etc.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Projects that correct, improve, or eliminate a hazardous location or feature
17 Santa Clara	SCL190040	VTA	VTA: Fuel Dispenser & UDC Replacement	VTA: Systemwide: Replace and upgrade diesel dispensers and one gasoline dispenser, and replace the Underground Dispenser Containment (UDCs) at these dispensers	VTA: Systemwide: Replace and upgrade VTA's 16 Diesel Dispensers and one gasoline dispenser, and replace all of the Underground Dispenser Containment (UDCs) at these dispensers. The scope includes investigation, engineering, procurement and installation.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Purchase of office, shop, and operating equipment for existing facilities

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18 Santa Clara	SCL190041	VTA	VTA: Replace UPSs and PDU in OCC/EOC	VTA: At the Guadalupe division: Replace UPSs in the OCC equipment room and building 'A' mezzanine	VTA: At the Guadalupe division: Replace UPSs in the OCC equipment room and building 'A' mezzanine. Replace Power Distribution Unit feeding the Disaster Room. Replace UPS in OCC equipment room. Install bypass switches ahead of both UPSs.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Construction or renovation of power, signal, and communications systems
19 Santa Clara	SCL190038	VTA	VTA: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	VTA: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	VTA: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief
20 Solano	SOL190018	Dixon	Dixon: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	Dixon: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	Dixon: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief
21 Solano	SOL190020	Fairfield	Fairfield: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	Fairfield: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	Fairfield: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief
22 Solano	SOL190019	Rio Vista	Rio Vista: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	Rio Vista: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	Rio Vista: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief
23 Solano	SOL190021	SolTrans	SolTrans: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	SolTrans: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	SolTrans: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief

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24 Solano	SOL190022	Vacaville	Vacaville: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	Vacaville: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	Vacaville: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief
25 Sonoma	SON190008	Petaluma	Petaluma: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	Petaluma: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	Petaluma: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief
26 Sonoma	SON190009	SantaRosa Bus	SR CityBus: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	Santa Rosa CityBus: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to response to coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	Santa Rosa: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief
27 Sonoma	SON190010	SMART	SMART: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	SMART: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	SMART: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief
28 Sonoma	SON190007	Son Co Transit	Son Co Transit: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	Sonoma County Transit: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	Sonoma County Transit: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief

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29 Various	VAR190008	WETA	WETA: CARES Emergency Transit Operations	WETA: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency including costs to maintain service and lost revenue, purchase of personal protective equipment, and administrative leave	WETA: Systemwide: Operating and capital expenses of transit agencies related to the response to a coronavirus public health emergency as described in section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reimbursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service.	EXEMPT (40 CFR 93.126) - Emergency relief

**Air Quality Conformity Task Force
Summary Meeting Notes
April 23, 2020**

Participants:

Karina OConnor – EPA

Dominique Kraft – FTA

Rodney Tavitas – Caltrans

Alexus Arellano – Caltrans

Andrea Gordon – BAAQMD

John Saelee – MTC

Ross McKeown – MTC

Adam Crenshaw – MTC

Harold Brazil – MTC

- 1. Welcome and Self Introductions:** Harold Brazil (MTC) called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.
- 2. PM_{2.5} Project Conformity Interagency Consultations**
 - a. Confirm Projects Are Exempt from PM_{2.5} Conformity**
 - i. Projects Exempt Under 40 CFR 93.126 – Not of Air Quality Concern**

Task Force members had no comments.

Final Determination; With input from FTA, FHWA (via email), EPA, Caltrans and MTC, the Task Force agreed that the projects on the exempt list **2b_Exempt List 04092020.pdf** are exempt from PM_{2.5} project level analysis.

- 3. Transportation Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Amended Plan Bay Area 2040 (Plan) and the Amended 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Harold Brazil (MTC) stated that the amendment to Plan Bay Area 2040 (PBA2040) the Amended Plan and the 2019 Amended TIP regional conformity analysis was prepared in accordance with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conformity rules and MTC Resolution 3757. Mr. Brazil also noted that the close of the comment period was on April 24, 2020 and Adan Noelting (MTC) indicated the comments received to date included some opposition to the I-680 Express Lanes Gap Closure project, but the comments were similar in their levels of concern.

Ross McKeown (MTC) asked if the federal approval process for the I-680 Express Lanes Gap Closure project amendment could be expedited with the SAFE Rule part 2 becoming effective towards the end of June 2020 and Rodney Tavitas (Caltrans), Karina OConnor (EPA) and Dominique Kraft (FTA) all indicated that they would conduct their reviews rapidly.

4. Projects with Regional Air Quality Conformity Concerns

a. Review of the Regional Conformity Status for New and Revised Projects

Projects Staff Proposing to Include in the 2019 TIP

Adam Crenshaw (MTC) stated that MTC staff had received a request from sponsors to add three individually listed project and that one of the proposed new individually listed projects (US-101 Managed Lanes North of I-380, TIP ID: SM-190009) may be considered non-exempt from regional conformity. The Task Force had no comments on this item.

5. Consent Calendar

a. March 26, 2020 Air Quality Conformity Task Force Meeting Summary

Final Determination; The Task Force had no questions or comments on the summary from the March 26, 2020 Task Force meeting and the consent calendar was approved.

6. Other Items – SAFE Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021-2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks

Key points discussed concerning the SAFE Rule Part 2 implementation included:

- The Commission is scheduled to approve the conformity analysis for the amended PBA2040 and the 2019 TIP at the end of May (May 27th) and Karina OConnor (EPA) indicated federal approval would not be held up by EPA.
- FTA and FHWA are both aware that MTC’s conformity analysis needs to have expedited approval.
- Ms. OConnor felt federal approval on the conformity analysis should occur before June 30th.
- Ms. OConnor stated that EPA has had initial conversations with ARB about whether ARB is going to do any additional adjustment factors for EMFAC for SAFE Rule Part 2. Ms. OConnor went on to say that ARB is still looking at it, but it’s EPA’s sense that ARB may not be doing any additional adjustment factors for SAFE Rule Part 2 and EPA will keep working with ARB until a final decision is made.
- Ms. OConnor said that EPA assumes if ARB does do the adjustment factors, EPA would approve them quickly (corresponding to what happened before when the first set of EMFAC adjustment factors were approved for Part 1 of the SAFE Rule).
- Ms. OConnor also said that EPA’s sense is ARB may not produce new factors because the impacts from SAFE Rule Part 2 will probably be smaller than what they were with Part 1 of the Rule.
- ARB could make their decision on whether to do new adjustment factors (or not) before June 30th.
- ARB was not in attendance for this meeting, but Harold Brazil (MTC) indicated that MTC will engage ARB to answer questions on this issue and attempt to have them in attendance at the next task force meeting on May 28th.

- Responding to Adam Noelting’s question, Ms. OConnor indicated impacts on EMFAC from Part 2 of the SAFE Rule are less than the impacts from Part 1 (this is EPA headquarters understanding).
- Ms. OConnor stated no off-model adjustment factors will be produced by EPA for the rest of the country in MOVES 14b. The next version of MOVES will (potentially) contain effects from SAFE Rule Parts 1 and 2.
- Ross McKeown (MTC) asked if the conformity analysis SCAG has recently done for their new plan will meet their deadline and Ms. OConnor stated the federal agencies will be expediting their approval process for SCAG.