Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

September 11, 2024

Agenda Item 5a-24-0973

MTC Resolution Nos. 4645 and 4646

Subject:

Adoption of the 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2025 TIP.

Background:

The 2025 TIP includes more than 300 transportation projects with approximately \$11.7 billion in committed federal, state, regional and local funding over the four-year TIP period from FY 2024-25 through FY 2027-28.

The federally required TIP is a comprehensive listing of Bay Area surface transportation projects that receive federal funds, are subject to a federally required action, or are regionally significant. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) requires MTC, as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area, to prepare and adopt a regional TIP concurrently with all other MPOs in the state.

All 2025 TIP materials, including the full 2025 TIP document and technical appendices, are available on MTC's website: mtc.ca.gov/TIP. The website also features additional public-facing materials including the 2025 TIP Fact Sheet (included in this agenda item as Attachment A), interactive project maps, and summary data.

Public Comment Period

The draft TIP and draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis documents were released for public review and comment beginning on June 27, 2024 and ending on July 26, 2024. The draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis was presented to the regional Air Quality Conformity Task Force at its meetings on June 27, 2024 and July 25, 2024.

Public comments received during the public comment period, and responses to those comments, are included in Attachment B to this agenda item. Minor project changes submitted during the public comment period by project sponsors have been incorporated into the 2025 TIP and are described in Attachment C to this agenda item.

Staff reviewed comments and responses relevant to the Air Quality Conformity Analysis with the Air Quality Conformity Task Force on August 22, 2024, per the Bay Area Air Quality Conformity Protocol (MTC Resolution No. 3757, Revised).

The TIP public participation process serves to satisfy the public involvement requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) annual Program of Projects, for applicable funds.

Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis

As part of the development of the 2025 TIP, MTC has prepared the Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2025 TIP in accordance with the latest U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) transportation conformity regulations and the Bay Area Air Quality Conformity Protocol (MTC Resolution No. 3757, Revised). The Air Quality Conformity Task Force has been consulted throughout the development of the conformity analysis.

The conformity analysis demonstrates that both the 2025 TIP and Plan Bay Area 2050 are consistent with ("conform to") the State Implementation Plan (SIP), meaning that the proposed transportation activities will not cause new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the federal air quality standards. In addition, the conformity analysis finds that motor vehicle emissions in the 2025 TIP and Plan Bay Area 2050 are lower than the applicable emission budgets and baseline year emissions requirements related to the ozone and PM2.5 pollutants. It also demonstrates the implementation of transportation control measures, previously approved in the 2001 1-hour Ozone Attainment Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area. The Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2025 TIP and Plan Bay Area 2050 is included in Attachment A to this item (MTC Resolution No. 4645).

Investment Analysis

MTC staff has conducted an investment analysis of the 2025 TIP with a focus on low-income households, people of color, seniors, and other potentially disadvantaged populations such as residents living in Equity Priority Communities. The results of this analysis indicate that, overall, the 2025 TIP directs an equitable proportion of investments to projects that support the transportation of residents of low-income households, people of color, and seniors. The full investment analysis is available at mtc.ca.gov/TIP-Investment.

Next Steps

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Pending the approval of the 2025 TIP and Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2025 TIP at the September Commission meeting, final federal approvals of the 2025 TIP are expected in December 2024.

Following adoption, the 2025 TIP is expected to be routinely revised to accommodate changes to project scopes and funding and to reflect the latest programming decisions.

Issues:

None.

Recommendations:

Refer MTC Resolution No. 4645 and MTC Resolution No. 4646 to the Commission for approval.

Attachments:

- MTC Resolution No. 4645
- MTC Resolution No. 4646
- Attachment A: 2025 TIP Fact Sheet
- Attachment B: Responses to Public Comments on the Draft 2025 TIP
- Attachment C: Log of Changes between the Draft 2025 TIP and the 2025 TIP
- Presentation

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