

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS  
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-2020**

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF PROPOSED FINAL SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA  
TRANSPORTATION AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY PROTOCOL AND INTERAGENCY  
CONSULTATION PROCEDURES**

**WHEREAS**, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) have been designated the co-lead agencies by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for developing and implementing various portions of the federal air quality plans in the San Francisco Bay Area; and

**WHEREAS**, MTC is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to Government Code § 66500 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to adopting or amending the long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), MTC must first determine that these plans and programs conform to the federal air quality plan for the San Francisco Bay Area (termed the State Implementation Plan, or SIP) using procedures established by the U.S. EPA; and

**WHEREAS**, the three agencies have prepared a protocol for determining transportation air quality conformity in compliance with Federal regulation entitled: San Francisco Bay Area Transportation Air Quality Conformity Protocol ("the Protocol"), which includes certain conformity procedures relating to transportation plans, programs, and projects and the interagency consultation procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, the three agencies have revised the Protocol to reflect the most recent guidance provided by the U.S. EPA; and

**WHEREAS**, Federal regulations for amending the SIP require a public hearing prior to adoption or changes to the Protocol; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administrative Committee acting for the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments on November 8, 2019 approved Resolution No. 12-19 delegating to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission the power and responsibility for conducting the public hearing in accordance with, and in fulfillment of, all applicable legal requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, MTC conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed Protocol at the January 10, 2020 meeting of the MTC Planning Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, at the conclusion of the public hearing, the Protocol was referred

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back to the three respective agencies along with the public comments and staff recommendations that each agency adopt the new Protocol; and

**WHEREAS**, the Protocol must be submitted to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for review and subsequent submittal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for revision of the California State Implementation Plan (SIP),

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED** as follows: that the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments approves for submission to the California Air Resources Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency the Protocol to be included in the Conformity State Implementation Plan; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission staff may make minor adjustments, as necessary, to the Protocol in the Conformity SIP in response to ARB and U.S. EPA comments; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this resolution supersedes ABAG Resolution No. 06-06.

The foregoing was adopted by the Executive Board this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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Jesse Arreguin  
President

**Certification of Executive Board Approval**

I, the undersigned, the appointed and qualified Clerk of the Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments (Association), do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the Association at a duly called and noticed meeting held on the 16th day of April, 2020.

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Frederick Castro  
Clerk of the Board