Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

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Agenda Item 3b-24-0780

Draft 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Draft Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2025 TIP

Subject:

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

Background:

The Draft 2025 TIP includes more than 300 transportation projects with approximately \$11.8 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 Draft 2025 TIP materials are available on MTC's website: mtc.ca.gov/TIP. This includes the full Draft 2025 TIP document and all appendices including the Draft Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2025 TIP and the Investment Analysis. Also available for review on the website are public-facing materials including the Draft 2025 TIP Fact Sheet and interactive project maps and summary data.

Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis

MTC has also prepared the Draft Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2025 TIP in accordance with the latest U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 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 draft conformity analysis demonstrates that both the Draft 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 draft conformity analysis finds that motor vehicle emissions in the Draft 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.

Investment Analysis

MTC staff has conducted an investment analysis of the Draft 2025 TIP with a focus on low-income households, people of color, seniors, and other potentially disadvantaged populations such as those in Equity Priority Communities. The results of analysis indicate that, overall, the Draft 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.

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 are available at: mtc.ca.gov/TIP. The draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis was also presented to the regional Air Quality Conformity Task Force at its meeting on June 27, 2024. The close of the comment period is scheduled for 5:00 pm on July 26, 2024. MTC staff will review and develop responses to comments submitted during the public comment period. Staff will also review relevant comments and responses with the Air Quality Conformity Task Force prior to presenting the final recommendations to the Commission, per the Bay Area Air Quality Conformity Protocol.

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

Next Steps

The final 2025 TIP documents, comments received, and the agency's responses are scheduled to be considered at the September Programming and Allocations Committee meeting and presented

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for approval at the September Commission meeting. Final federal approval of the 2025 TIP is 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:

The total project costs reflected in the 2025 TIP for certain major projects are subject to change given significant inflationary or other cost pressures. MTC will continue to monitor project costs in conjunction with the development of Plan Bay Area 2050+ and in the normal course of its work and will update project cost information in the 2025 TIP prior to final adoption or through amendment, as needed.

Recommendations:

Information. Receive public comment.

Attachments:

- Attachment A Draft 2025 TIP Fact Sheet
- Attachment B Map of Major Projects in the Draft 2025 TIP
- Presentation

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