Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

October 8, 2025 Agenda Item 4a-25-1220

MTC Resolution No. 4646, Revised

Subject:

2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 2025-21.

Background:

The TIP is a comprehensive listing of San Francisco Bay Area surface transportation projects that are federally funded, require a federal action, or are considered regionally significant for air quality purposes. The 2025 TIP works to implement the priorities established in MTC's long-range transportation plan, *Plan Bay Area 2050*. The TIP is posted on MTC's website at: https://mtc.ca.gov/funding/transportation-improvement-program-tip.

The 2025 TIP covers the four-year period from federal fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 through 2027-28. The MTC Commission adopted the 2025 TIP on September 25, 2024, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approved MTC's 2025 TIP on December 16, 2024. The TIP is updated every two years, as required by state statute, and is revised as needed through amendments or administrative modifications.

Amendment 2025-21 adds or revises 111 projects, with a net funding increase of approximately \$2.74 billion. Among other changes, this revision:

- Adds 47 new projects and updates 27 existing projects with regional Surface Transportation Block Grant/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (STP/CMAQ), Transit Capital Priorities (TCP), and regional Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds;
- Adds nine new projects and updates five existing projects with Rebuilding American
 Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE), Community Project
 Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending (CPFCDS), Safe Streets for All (SS4A), Promoting
 Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT),
 Maritime Administration (MARAD), Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements
 (CRISI), Clean Ports Grant (CPG), and Strength Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation
 (SMART) program funds;
- Adds two new projects and updates three existing projects with State Transportation
 Improvement Program (STIP), Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP), Solutions for
 Congested Corridors (SCCP), California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), and Transit and
 Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) funds; and

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• Adds 11 new projects and updates seven existing projects locally-funded projects.

The TIP Revision Summary for this amendment is attached and posted at: https://mtc.ca.gov/funding/transportation-improvement-program/2025-tip/2025-tip-revisions.

The revisions made pursuant to this amendment will not change the air quality conformity finding; therefore, a conformity determination is not required.

The TIP public participation process, including this amendment notice, serves to satisfy the public involvement requirements of the FTA annual Program of Projects (POP) for applicable funds. Public notice of public participation activities and time established for public review of and comments on the TIP will satisfy the FTA Section 5307 POP requirements.

Staff will transmit this amendment to Caltrans after Commission approval. Caltrans will then forward the amendment to FTA and FHWA for final federal agency review and approval.

Issues:

At the September Committee meeting, MTC staff presented an information item on the statewide air quality conformity lockdown that went into effect June 12, 2025. The lockdown resulted from rescission of three federal waivers that allowed California to establish its own emissions standards for vehicles through the California Clean Air Act (CCAA). The conformity lockdown prevents federal agencies from taking certain actions on TIPs and long-range regional transportation plans statewide. Fortunately, during this lockdown period, MTC has been able to continue to revise its TIP to add new projects and modify existing projects.

However, the federal approval of *Plan Bay Area 2050* is set to expire on December 3, 2025. Federal agencies will be unable to approve *Plan Bay Area 2050*+ until the statewide conformity lockdown is resolved.

Without an approved long-range plan in place, the Bay Area is anticipated to enter a conformity lapse grace period starting on December 4, 2025. During the grace period, new projects and funding cannot be added to the TIP, and only those projects already programmed in the TIP as of December 3, 2025, will be able to proceed with project delivery.

Amendment 2025-21 is the final TIP amendment expected to be approved by Caltrans and FHWA/FTA prior to MTC entering an air quality conformity lapse grace period. MTC staff have worked closely with local project sponsors, fund program managers, and partner agencies to submit any necessary project changes to MTC to be included in this final anticipated TIP amendment.

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Recommendations:

Refer MTC Resolution No. 4646, Revised to the Commission for approval.

Attachments:

- Attachment A 2025-21 TIP Revision Summary
- MTC Resolution No. 4646, Revised
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