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ABSTRACT

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This resolution finds that the Final Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Amended Plan Bay Area 2050 and the 2025 Transportation Improvement Program are in conformance with the State Implementation Plan to achieve National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Further discussion of this subject is contained in the Planning Committee's Summary Sheet dated October 11, 2024.

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Re: Approval of the Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Amended Plan Bay Area 2050 and the 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to demonstrate conformity for the 2015 Ozone and 2006 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)

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WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to California Government Code Section 66500 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, MTC is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), pursuant to Section 134(d) of Title 23 of the United States Code (USC) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area region (the region); and

WHEREAS, Part 450 of Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), require MTC as the MPO to prepare and update a long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) every four years; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code § 65080 et seq. requires MTC to prepare and update a long-range RTP, including a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) prepared in conjunction with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), every four years; and

WHEREAS, Plan Bay Area 2050 (“Plan”) is the region's plan for transportation, housing, the economy, and the environment, and serves as the RTP and SCS for the San Francisco Bay Area, consistent with federal and state requirements, and was jointly adopted by MTC and ABAG on October 21, 2021 (MTC Resolution No. 4485 and ABAG Resolution No. 09-21); and

WHEREAS, 23 CFR §450 requires MTC to prepare and update a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) consisting of a comprehensive listing of transportation projects that receive federal funds, are subject to a federally required action, or are regionally significant, every four years; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 TIP (“TIP”), consistent with federal and state requirements, was adopted by MTC on September 25, 2024, (MTC Resolution 4646); and

WHEREAS, MTC and ABAG staff have prepared an Amendment to the Plan (Amended Plan), which is subject to the approval of the Commission and ABAG under separate action (MTC Resolution No. 4667 and ABAG Resolution No. 10-24); and

WHEREAS, the Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Amended Plan and TIP meets all required EPA guidance criteria and, therefore, the region has demonstrated conformity for the 2015 Ozone NAAQS; and

WHEREAS, the Amended Plan and TIP must conform to the federal air quality plan, which is also referred to as the State Implementation Plan (SIP); and

WHEREAS, MTC has conducted a transportation-air quality conformity analysis for the Amended Plan and TIP in accordance with U.S. EPA conformity regulations and the Bay Area Air Quality Conformity Protocol (MTC Resolution No. 3757); and

WHEREAS, MTC conducted a transportation-air quality conformity analysis for the Amended Plan and TIP utilizing the latest planning assumptions, emissions model, and consultation provisions, including a quantitative regional emissions analysis that meets emissions budget requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency transportation conformity rule, and the Amended Plan contributes to all required emissions reductions; and

WHEREAS, said conformity analysis is included as Attachment A of this resolution, and is incorporated herein as though set forth at length; and

WHEREAS, the conformity analysis has been circulated for 30-day public review period from August 12, 2024, through September 11, 2024; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that MTC makes the following conformity findings for the Amended Plan and TIP:

- (A) Conforms to the applicable provisions of the State Implementation Plan and the applicable transportation conformity budgets in the State Implementation Plan

approved for the national 8-hour ozone standard and to the interim conformity emissions test for the national fine particulate matter standard; and

- (B) Provides for the timely implementation of transportation control measures (TCMs) pursuant to the applicable State Implementation Plan;

RESOLVED, that Executive Director shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the U.S. Department of Transportation for its approval of MTC's conformity findings, along with a copy of the Amended Plan Bay Area 2050 and the 2025 Transportation Improvement Program and to such other agencies as appropriate.

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Alfredo Pedroza, Chair

This resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a meeting of the Commission held in San Francisco, California on October 23, 2024.

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Attachment A  
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**Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Amended Plan Bay Area 2050 and  
the 2025 Transportation Improvement Program**

The Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Amended Plan Bay Area 2050 and  
the 2025 Transportation Improvement Program is on file in the offices of the  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Bay Area Metro Center,  
375 Beale Street, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA 94105.