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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4748

This resolution finds that the Final Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for Plan Bay Area 2050+ and the Amended 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 Summary Sheet dated March 13, 2026.

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

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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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), requires 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.* (Senate Bill 375) 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, MTC has prepared Plan Bay Area 2050+ (“Plan”), which is subject to the approval of MTC and ABAG under separate action (MTC Resolution No. 4750 and ABAG Resolution No. 02-2026); 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, consistent with federal and state requirements, was adopted by MTC on September 25, 2024, (MTC Resolution No. 4646) and approved by the State on November 15, 2024, and jointly by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration on December 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, subsequent revisions to the 2025 TIP (“Amended TIP”) have been approved by MTC and incorporated in accordance with applicable State and Federal requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Plan and the Amended TIP must conform to the federal air quality plan, which is also referred to as the State Implementation Plan (SIP); in accordance with the federal Clean Air Act and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) transportation conformity regulations; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay Area air basin is designated nonattainment by U.S. EPA for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), and the applicable SIP includes approved motor vehicle emissions budgets for ozone precursors; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay Area air basin is designated nonattainment by U.S. EPA for the 2006 24-hour fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) NAAQS, effective December 2009; and

WHEREAS, because a PM_{2.5} SIP with approved motor vehicle emissions budgets has not yet been approved by U.S. EPA, the region is required to demonstrate conformity for the PM_{2.5} NAAQS using an interim emissions test; and

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

2050+ Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Report” (“Conformity Analysis”) (attached hereto as Attachment A and incorporated herein as though set forth at length); and

WHEREAS, the Conformity Analysis demonstrates conformity with the SIP for the 2015 Ozone NAAQS by satisfying all applicable U.S. EPA transportation-air quality conformity requirements and approved emissions budgets; and

WHEREAS, the Conformity Analysis demonstrates conformity with the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS by satisfying all applicable U.S. EPA transportation-air quality conformity requirements and interim emissions test requirements; and

WHEREAS, the draft Conformity Analysis has been circulated for a required 30-day public review period from December 22, 2025, through January 21, 2026; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that MTC makes the following conformity findings for Plan Bay Area 2050+ and the Amended 2025 Transportation Improvement Program:

- (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 Plan Bay Area 2050+ and to such other agencies as appropriate.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Sue Noack, Chair

This resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a meeting of the Commission held in San Francisco, California and at other remote locations on March 25, 2026.

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Attachment A

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

The Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for Plan Bay Area 2050+ and the Amended 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.

The Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for Plan Bay Area 2050+ and the Amended 2025 Transportation Improvement Program can also be viewed online at <https://planbayarea.org/finalplan>.