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## **Air Quality Conformity Task Force Meeting** Metropolitan Transportation Commission

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**June 23, 2022**  
**9:30 a.m. –11:00 a.m.**

### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. PM<sub>2.5</sub> Project Conformity Interagency Consultations
  - a. Confirm Projects Are Exempt from PM<sub>2.5</sub> Conformity  
Projects Exempt Under 40 CFR 93.126 – Not of Air Quality Concern
3. Conformity Analysis for the 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (Update)
4. Consent Calendar
  - a. May 26, 2022 Air Quality Conformity Task Force Meeting Summary
5. Other Items

Next Meeting: July 28, 2022

MTC Staff Liaison: Harold Brazil [hbrazil@bayareametro.gov](mailto:hbrazil@bayareametro.gov)

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## *Memorandum*

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

DATE: June 17, 2022

FR: Harold Brazil

W. I.

RE: PM<sub>2.5</sub> Project Conformity Interagency Consultation

MTC requests the review and concurrence from the Task Force on the project which the project sponsor has identified as exempt and likely not to be a POAQC.

**POAQC\_Exempt\_List\_(061722).pdf** lists exempt projects under 40 CFR 93.126.

40 CFR 93.126 Exempt Projects List

County	TIP ID	Sponsor	Project Name	Project Description	Expanded Description	Project Type under 40 CFR 93.126
CC	CC-110068	CC County	Marsh Creek Detention Facility Bridge Replacement	HBP: Bridge No. 28C0226, County jail access road, over Marsh Creek, Sheriff Detention Facility. Replace one lane bridge with one lane bridge meeting min. federal AASHTO standards. Road remains one lane.	To be updated	Safety - Widening narrow pavements or reconstructing bridges (no additional travel lanes)

**Air Quality Conformity Task Force  
Summary Meeting Notes  
May 26, 2022**

Participants:

Lexie Arellano – Caltrans

Kevin Krewson – Caltrans

Dominique Kraft – FTA

Jacqueline Kahrs – Caltrans

Erika Espinosa Araiza – Caltrans

Andrea Gordon – BAAQMD

Patrick Pittenger – FHWA

Noe Veloso – City of Fremont

Abhijit Bagde – Caltrans

Eric Hu – City of Fremont

Jeanne Suyeishi – City of Fremont

Rodney Tavitas – Caltrans

Karishma Becha – Caltrans

Tom Kelly – EPA

Paul Hensleigh – YSAQMD

Lucas Sanchez – Caltrans

Shilpa Mareddy – Caltrans

John Saelee – MTC

Adam Crenshaw – MTC

Harold Brazil – MTC

**1. Welcome and Self Introductions:** Harold Brazil (MTC) called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

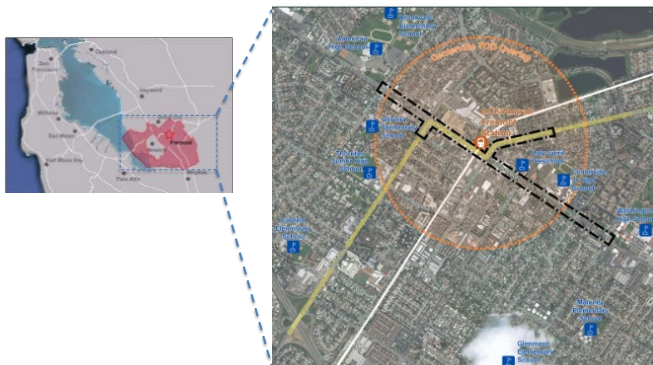
**2. PM<sub>2.5</sub> Project Conformity Interagency Consultations**

**a. Consultation to Determine Project of Air Quality Concern Status**

**i. Centerville Complete Streets of Relinquished SR84 Project**

Noe Veloso (City of Fremont) began the presentation of the Centerville Complete Streets of Relinquished SR84 project by saying the project located in the Central District of Fremont's Centerville district which is one of the five historic individual townships which were incorporated in the 1950s to form the City of Fremont.

**Project Location**



Mr. Veloso went on to discuss the purpose and need for the Centerville Complete Streets of Relinquished SR84 project as follows:

- Relinquishment of State Route 84 to City of Fremont to implement complete streets improvements
- Centerville is a Priority Development Area with a Transit Overlay District
- Fremont Blvd is part of High Injury Network (HIN) with a history of fatal and severe injury collisions
- Roadways lack complete streets improvements for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit
- Create a vibrant and identifiable Town Center district with “Main Street” amenities

Mr. Veloso also described the Centerville Complete Streets of Relinquished SR84 project which includes:

- Pavement rehabilitation treatment of existing pavement.
- Implementation of complete streets improvements such as
  - Pedestrian crossing flashing beacons/HAWK signal
  - Raised bikeway on Fremont Blvd and buffered bike lanes on Thornton Avenue and Peralta Blvd
  - Narrower vehicle travel lanes
- “Protected intersection” improvements along Fremont Blvd at Thornton Avenue and Peralta Blvd intersection
- New signal at Thornton Avenue and Oak Street.
- Modify existing traffic signals along Thornton Avenue and tighten intersections and implement ADA improvements

Tom Kelly (EPA) asked Mr. Veloso and Eric Hu (City of Fremont) if any data was available on how shifting traffic affects the roadways in the project area, particularly with trucks. Mr. Hu provided mapping information from the City of Fremont’s general plan mobility truck route and Mr. Veloso indicated the city would provide additional truck information after the meeting.

Rodney Tavitas (Caltrans) asked if the Centerville Complete Streets of Relinquished SR84 project included a road diet component and Mr. Veloso responded by saying the city had conducted a community engagement process and conducted road diet pilot project in the area. Based on the results of the community engagement process and road diet pilot project, City of Fremont officials decided against constructing a permanent road diet in the project area and chose to return the roadway back to four lanes.

**Final Determination:** After receiving additional truck data from the City of Fremont (please see emails at the end of this summary), EPA, FTA, FHWA (deferring their determination to Caltrans) and Caltrans, the Task Force concluded the Centerville Complete Streets of Relinquished SR84 project was not of air quality concern.

## ii. Julian and St. James Couplet Conversion Project

After discussion about the use of the Caltrans’ “*Conformity Streamlining Exemption Form*”, Rodney Tavitas (Caltrans) recommended to the City of San Jose to go through project-level conformity consultation with the Task Force with an assessment form submittal for their Julian and St. James Couplet Conversion project and not use the afore mentioned streamlining exemption form. Harold Brazil (MTC) indicated he would follow-up with the City of San Jose to schedule the future consultation meeting.

## **b. Confirm Projects Are Exempt from PM<sub>2.5</sub> Conformity**

### **i. Projects Exempt Under 40 CFR 93.126 – Not of Air Quality Concern**

Task Force members had no comments.

***Final Determination;*** With input from FTA, FHWA (via email), EPA, Caltrans and MTC, the Task Force agreed that the project on the **2b\_Exempt List 05192022.pdf** list was exempt from PM<sub>2.5</sub> project level analysis.

## **3. Project with Regional Air Quality Conformity Concerns**

Adam Crenshaw (MTC) indicated he had one project to bring to the Task Force to see if there were any concerns regarding regional conformity and the added park and ride facility project will cut down on bus travel time. The Task Force had no comments.

## **4. Conformity Analysis for the 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (Update)**

Harold Brazil (MTC) noted the draft Conformity Analysis for the 2023 TIP was almost complete and confirmed EMFAC2017 was used run the emission inventories (in the analysis). Rodney Tavitas (Caltrans) added that EMFAC2021 is still going through its approval process and is not currently available for conformity analysis purposes.

## **5. Consent Calendar**

### **a. April 28, 2022 Air Quality Conformity Task Force Meeting Summary**

***Final Determination;*** With input from all members, the Task Force concluded that the consent calendar was approved.







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Hi Harold,

Hope you had a good long weekend. I'm writing to provide FTA's concurrence that this is not a POAQC.

Thanks!

**Dominique M. Kraft**

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Hi Rodney and thanks.

Harold

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Hi Harold,

Caltrans HQ concurs the project is NOT a POAQC.

Sincerely,

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Thanks a lot Tom and Noe, we will document the Task Force has concurred the Fremont Centerville Complete Streets project is not a POAQC.

If you have any questions, let me know.

Harold

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