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TO: Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals

RE: Release of the Draft 2025 Transportation Improvement Program and Draft Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2025 TIP for public review and comment

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission has released the Draft 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Draft Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2025 TIP for public review and comment. The comment period starts Thursday, June 27, 2024, and ends Friday, July 26, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

The federally required TIP is a comprehensive listing of surface transportation projects for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area that receive federal funds, are subject to a federally required action, or are regionally significant. MTC, as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the San Francisco Bay Area region, must prepare and adopt the TIP at least once every four years. However, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) requires all MPOs to update their TIPs concurrently every two years.

The TIP covers a four-year period and must be financially constrained by year, meaning that the amount of dollars committed to the projects (also referred to as "programmed") must not exceed the amount of dollars estimated to be available. The Draft 2025 TIP includes projects programmed over four fiscal years from FY 2024-25 through FY 2027-28. The TIP must include a financial plan that demonstrates the programmed projects can be implemented. Federal regulations also require that the TIP be designed such that once implemented, it makes progress toward achieving the performance targets established under 23 CFR §450.306(d) and that the TIP shall include a description of the anticipated effect of TIP investments toward achieving the established performance targets.

Additionally, MTC has conducted an investment analysis with a focus on low-income households, people of color, seniors, and other potentially disadvantaged populations such as those in Equity Priority Communities, to further assist in the public assessment of the Draft 2025 TIP, and specifically to assess the equity implications of the proposed TIP investments.

MTC has also prepared a Draft Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2025 TIP. As required by federal conformity regulations, MTC must demonstrate that the TIP is consistent with ("conforms to") the federal air quality plan known as the State Implementation Plan (SIP). Conformity to the SIP means that the transportation activities will not cause new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the relevant national ambient air quality standards. For the Bay Area, the conformity analysis addresses the national 8-hour ozone standard and the national 24-hour fine particulate matter standard.

MTC has developed the Draft 2025 TIP and Draft Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis in cooperation with the County Transportation Agencies, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), individual cities, counties, transit operators, and other project sponsors, and in consultation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). All projects included in the TIP are consistent with the long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the San Francisco Bay Area, *Plan Bay Area 2050*.

The Draft 2025 TIP and Draft Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis are available for public review on the MTC Web site at [mtc.ca.gov/TIP](http://mtc.ca.gov/TIP).

### **Public Meeting:**

Prior to the formal consideration of the Final 2025 TIP and Final Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis, MTC will present the documents at a public meeting and receive public comments.

MTC is scheduled to present the Draft 2025 TIP and Draft Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis during MTC's Programming and Allocations Committee meeting currently scheduled for **Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 9:45 a.m.**, or immediately following MTC's Administration Committee meeting, whichever occurs later. The meeting will be held both in-person and remotely. Detailed instructions on participating via Zoom are available at: <https://mtc.ca.gov/how-provide-public-comment-board-meeting-zoom>. The meeting Zoom link and accessibility instructions will be posted to: <https://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/meetings> no less than 72 hours prior to the public meeting.

### **Written Comments:**

Written comments are due by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 26, 2024** and may be submitted via the comment form on the Draft 2025 TIP website. Written comments may also be sent to MTC's Public Information Office via e-mail at [info@bayareametro.gov](mailto:info@bayareametro.gov) (include "Draft 2025 TIP Comments" in the subject line) or via mail to 375 Beale St, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA 94105. For more information, call MTC's Public Information Office at 415-778-6757.

The Final 2025 TIP and Final Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis are scheduled for adoption by MTC on September 25, 2024. Once approved by the Commission, the 2025 TIP will be forwarded to Caltrans, FHWA and the FTA for approval and inclusion into the Federal State Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). The Final Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis and the Commission's conformity determination will be forwarded to Caltrans, FHWA and FTA for their review and concurrence. Federal approval of the FSTIP and concurrence on the conformity determination is scheduled for December 2024.

Sincerely,



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