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Attention: Abhijit Bagde

RE: MTC TIP Revision No. 2015-18 – Amendment

Dear Mr. Aljabiry:

Please be advised that MTC recently made several changes to the 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). TIP Amendment 2015-18 adds one new non-exempt project, the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Access Improvements Project (Project), to the 2015 TIP with a net increase in funding of approximately \$74 million.

MTC is required to make an air quality conformity determination for the revised TIP in accordance with the Clean Air Act requirements and air quality conformity regulations. MTC staff consulted with the Air Quality Conformity Task Force on the approach to the conformity analysis, draft conformity analysis, response to public comments on the draft conformity analysis, and final conformity analysis. Based on the conformity analysis, a positive conformity determination can be made because the plan and the TIP conform to the federal air quality standards and plans. The air quality conformity finding for the 2015 TIP was adopted as MTC Resolution No. 4196 and has been mailed to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under separate cover for their review and approval.

MTC's 2015 TIP, including Revision No. 2015-18, was developed through a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 U.S.C. §134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 and MTC's Public Participation Plan. In accordance with the Public Participation Plan, the Draft TIP Revision 2015-18 and accompanying Draft Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis, were released for public review and comment on June 19, 2015 and the public review period closed on July 20, 2015. A summary of comments received on this TIP amendment and staff's responses is included with this revision.

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TIP financial constraint documentation submitted with this revision shows that MTC's TIP is financially constrained as required by the federal surface transportation programs authorizing legislation and statewide and metropolitan planning and programming regulations. MTC's 2015 TIP, as revised with TIP Revision No. 2015-18, remains in conformity with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality and the revision does not interfere with the timely implementation of the Transportation Control Measures contained in the SIP.

The revised TIP entries and the updated fiscal constraint documentation have been emailed to your staff and have been posted at MTC's TIP website at: <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/tip/>. If you have any questions regarding this revision, please contact Adam Crenshaw of my staff at (510) 817-5794.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

1. Revision Packet for TIP Revision 2015-18
2. MTC Resolution No. 4175, Revised

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