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Meeting Agenda Air Quality Conformity Task Force

Thursday, September 24, 2026

9:30 AM

Remote - Zoom

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The next meeting of the Air Quality Conformity Task Force will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. Any changes to the schedule will be duly noticed.



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Memorandum

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

DATE: September 24, 2026

FR: Lyric Greif

RE: **PM_{2.5} Project Conformity Interagency Consultation**

No project sponsors are seeking interagency consultation with the Air Quality Conformity Task Force at today's meeting to determine their Project of Air Quality Concern (POAQC) status.



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Five project sponsors are seeking interagency consultation with the Air Quality Conformity Task Force at today's meeting to obtain concurrence on their exemption classifications under 40 CFR §93.126. The list of projects follows on the next page.

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-230207	Pinole	Bay Trail Gap Closure at Tennent Avenue	Pinole : In the vicinity of the SF Bay Trail and Tennent Ave : Implement bike/ped improvements	The project closes a gap in the San Francisco Bay Trail, linking the communities of Hercules, Pinole, and unincorporated Contra Costa County. The trail begins at the City of Pinole's Wastewater Treatment Plant at the terminus of Tennent Avenue and extends southeast across the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks. From Railroad Avenue, the trail continues northeast to connect with the existing Bay Trail segment along Pinole Creek. Designed as a Class I multi-use facility, the trail meets the standards outlined in the Caltrans Highway Design Manual. At the UPRR crossing (U.S. DOT Crossing No. 751699M), the trail alignment will run along the northeast side of Tennent Avenue, accompanied by a new sidewalk on the southwest side. The crossing will include traffic control devices, pavement striping, and signage consistent with the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), Federal Railroad Administration requirements, and Union Pacific Railroad standards. Responsibility for improvements is divided between the City of Pinole and UPRR. The City will construct hardscape elements including concrete sidewalks, asphalt pavement, striping, signing, and fencing. UPRR will install grade crossing panels, traffic control devices, wiring, and associated appurtenances.	Air Quality - Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
SCL	SCL230237	San Jose	San Fernando Street Mobility Hubs	San Jose : San Jose on San Fernando Street : Construction of two small-scale mobility hubs including bike cage/docks, an e-scooter share corral/docks, and universal electric chargers for all types of personal and shared micro-mobility.	This project will complete the design, environmental clearance, and construction of two small-scale mobility hubs on San Fernando Street in Downtown San José: one Urban District Hub and one Pulse Hub. Each hub includes a long-term secure bike cage, short-term secure bike docks, an e-scooter share corral/docks, and universal electric chargers for all types of personal and shared micro-mobility, including e-bikes/scooters, and e-bikes.	Mass Transit - Reconstruction or renovation of transit buildings and structures (e.g., rail or bus buildings, storage and maintenance facilities, stations, terminals, and ancillary structures)
SCL	SCL250238	Santa Clara	Santa Clara Uncontrolled Crosswalk (Phase 2)	Santa Clara (City) : Uncontrolled crosswalks located at various locations within the City of Santa Clara. : Pedestrian improvements at 13 intersections consisting of a combination of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) assemblies, lighting improvements, ADA curb ramp improvements, and/or curb extension/bulb-outs.	The project which will implement a combination of pedestrian improvements at uncontrolled crosswalks at the following 13 intersections and additional project locations to be determined: Calle De Primavera/Calle De Escuela, Agnew/Davis, Agnew/Avina Circle, Agnew/Garrity (West), Mission College/Our Lady's Way (south), Walsh / Northwestern Pkwy, Monroe/Quinn, Homestead/Los Olivos, Benton/Curtis, Newhall/Bohannon, Winchester/Tulip, Winchester/Dolores, and Kiely/Mauricia.	Air Quality - Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
SCL	SCL250254	San Jose	San Jose Community EV Charging Access Project	San Jose : Various community centers and libraries in East San Jose : The project includes planning, design, and installation of 60 Level 2 EV charging ports, 4 DC fast charging (DCFC) ports, and 30 secure e-bike charging ports across six City-owned sites in underserved San Jose neighborhoods that currently lack public charging access.	The project includes planning, design, and installation of 60 Level 2 EV charging ports, 4 DC fast charging (DCFC) ports, and 30 secure e-bike charging ports across six City-owned sites in underserved San Jose neighborhoods that currently lack public charging access.	Other - Transportation enhancement activities (except rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities)
SCL	SCL250255	San Jose	SJ Advancing Curb Management	San Jose : San Jose - Downtown : Implementing data-informed curb reallocation, piloting additional technologies, and building a public-facing platform within the San José Downtown Core.	This project will continue the SMART Stage 1-funded Curb Management Pilot by implementing data-informed curb reallocation, piloting additional technologies, and building a public-facing platform within the San José Downtown Core.	Safety - Pavement resurfacing and/or rehabilitation

Meeting Notes**Air Quality Conformity Task Force Meeting
Metropolitan Transportation Commission****Date:** 8/27/26**Time:** 9:30AM**Location:** Zoom**Facilitator:** Lyric Greif, MTC**Attendees:**

- John Saelee, MTC
- Adam Noelting, MTC
- Mallory Atkinson, MTC
- Rachel Hartofelis, MTC
- Anup Tapase, MTC
- Rodney Tavitias, Caltrans
- Kevin Hernandez Rios, Caltrans
- Shilpa Mareddy, Caltrans
- Jennifer Ashby-Camp, Caltrans
- Cid Chiu, Caltrans
- Michael Dorantes, EPA
- Jasmine Amanin, FHWA
- Monte DiPalma, BAAQMD
- Ace Malisos, Kimley-Horn
- Daniel Karz, Kimley-Horn
- Prasanna Muthireddy, Kimley-Horn
- Alex Bode, VTA
- Karsten Adam, VTA
- David Kobayashi, VTA
- Stephanie Osby, AECOM
- Jeff Zimmerman, AECOM
- Imanuel Aswandi, AECOM
- Ian Kroll, Circlepoint
- Vamsi Tabjulu, SMCTA

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began with introductions led by MTC staff.

2. PM2.5 Project Conformity Interagency Consultations

a. Consultation to Determine POAQC Status

US 101/SR 25 Santa Teresa Boulevard Extension Project

Presenter: Ace Malisos

Project staff presented the US 101 SR25 Santa Teresa Boulevard Extension Project, which extends Santa Teresa Boulevard to connect with a new interchange being constructed at US-101 and SR-25. This project complements Phase 1 improvements currently under construction, which are expected to be completed by the end of 2028. The planned extension is intended to reduce congestion, provide better vehicle connectivity, and improve local traffic circulation by creating a more direct route between key intersections.

EPA staff raised questions about the connection between Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the project, particularly regarding traffic analysis and delay improvements in specific road segments. Project staff confirmed that Phase 1 improvements are factored into the traffic data and that other regional and local projects are also incorporated into the model. Staff agreed to provide more details about these projects in future narratives to clarify the traffic differences observed. Caltrans staff inquired about NEPA conformity for the second phase, noting that the project is under construction and may require a conformity determination from FHWA.

BAAQMD staff raised concerns about localized air quality impacts near sensitive receptors like schools, particularly regarding truck traffic increases between intersections 6 and 7. The project sponsor confirmed that a full air quality report would include emissions analysis and hotspot analyses to address these concerns. EPA staff clarified that hotspot analysis is not automatically required for this project and noted the importance of comparing traffic increases under the build and no-build scenarios. For this project, truck traffic is projected to increase in both the build and no-build scenario.

Determination: The Task Force concurred that the US 101/SR 25 Santa Teresa Boulevard Extension Project is not a project of air quality concern (POAQC).

Follow-up Action: MTC to submit concurrence email.

US 101 Managed Lanes North Project**Presenter:** Jeff Zimmerman, AECOM

AECOM staff presented an update on the US 101 Managed Lanes North Project, which originally obtained concurrence in 2023. The project experienced schedule delays due to extended environmental and design studies, resulting in a lapse in the POAQC status determination. The project involves adding managed lanes (either HOV or express lanes) between San Bruno and San Francisco, with truck traffic remaining at 2-3% of total vehicles across all alternatives. The project team confirmed that the managed lanes would not specifically serve trucks and would not result in a significant increase in diesel vehicle emissions, maintaining consistency with the 2023 air quality assessment.

The task force discussed project delays and the analysis timeline, with EPA staff questioning why the 2030 opening year was still being used despite later delays. Jeff and Ravi explained that the forecast analysis, which took longer than expected to approve, determined the operations analysis timeline, and the growth projections would remain consistent even if the opening year changed to 2033 or 2034.

Caltrans staff raised concerns about inconsistencies between the project documentation and TIP/RTP, particularly regarding whether the project should be classified as HOV or hot lane, noting that any discrepancies in project scope would need to be resolved before final approval.

Determination: The Task Force concurred that the US 101 Managed Lanes North Project is not a project of air quality concern (POAQC).

Follow-up Action: MTC to submit concurrence email.

b. Projects Exempt Under 40 CFR 93.126 – Not of Air Quality Concern

The Task Force reviewed ten projects for concurrence on exemption classifications under 40 CFR 93.126.

Determination: The Task Force confirmed that all projects were exempt under 40 CFR 93.126.

Follow-up Action: MTC to submit concurrence emails.

3. 2027 TIP Conformity Analysis Update

Presenter: Lyric Greif

MTC staff gave an update on the 2027 TIP Draft Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis, which completed its public comment period with two comments received. The comments and responses will be incorporated into the final report before review by the Programming and Allocations Committee in September and final Commission approval in December. There were no comments on this item.

4. Plan Bay Area 2050+ Potential Plan Revision Update

Presenter: Adam Noelting

MTC staff presented a proposal to add a Geyserville infill station to the SMART rail system, as part of the planned Healdsburg to Cloverdale extension. Staff recommended treating the project as not regionally significant and advancing the addition through an administrative modification, consistent with MTC's adopted Public Participation Plan, rather than through a plan amendment. This approach would rely on the existing conformity analysis because the station is not expected to significantly affect regional VMT, mode share, or emissions. MTC requested Task Force feedback on the proposed approach.

The Task Force discussed whether to classify the new infill station project as a non-exempt, not regionally significant project. MTC staff explained that while the Cloverdale segment is in Plan Bay Area 2050+, the specific Geyserville station assumption is not currently included. The project has only recently been incorporated into the SMART system, following SMART Board approval in August 2026. EPA staff expressed concern that this appears to be a change to the project scope that warrants an amendment, rather than an administrative modification, and questioned whether an administrative modification would be appropriate since the project is not yet in the TIP. EPA staff suggested consulting with FTA before making a final decision. The group agreed to seek FTA's input, and for MTC to clarify their definitions of administrative modifications and amendments to the adopted long-range regional plan.

5. Consent Calendar

July 23, 2026, Air Quality Conformity Task Force Meeting Summary

The meeting concluded with a review of the prior meeting summary, with no comments

6. Next Meeting

MTC Staff gave a reminder that the next meeting of the Air Quality Conformity Task Force is scheduled for September 24, 2026.