



Transportation Committee

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New State Implementation Plan and Metropolitan Transportation Plan / Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Air Quality Conformity

Issue: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is scheduled to make an adequacy finding on the motor vehicle emissions budgets in the new 8-hour ozone state implementation plan (SIP) by early June 2009. This action will enable SACOG to use the new budgets to prepare a new air quality conformity analysis, which will allow major amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) for the first time since the adoption of the new MTP in March 2008.

Recommendation: None. This item is for information and discussion only.

Discussion: SACOG has been closely involved in the preparation of the new 8-hour ozone SIP for nearly the last two years. The region's air districts have all held public hearings and adopted the SIP in January and February of this year. The ARB held a final hearing and approved the SIP at its March 26, 2009, board meeting. The U.S. EPA is scheduled to make an adequacy finding on the motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEB) in the new 8-hour ozone SIP this June. SACOG staff will use the new budgets, along with ARB's emission model EMFAC 2007, to prepare a new conformity analysis for the MTP and MTIP amendments. The anticipated schedule for these amendments is:

April 22 – May 21, 2009	Submittal period for amendments to the MTP and MTIP
June 1 – June 26, 2009	Modeling and air quality conformity analysis for MTP/MTIP amendment
July 6 – August 7, 2009	30-day public review period for new MTP/MTIP amendment
August 6, 2009	Public hearing on MTP/MTIP amendment at Transportation Committee meeting
August 20, 2009	Board adoption of MTP/MTIP amendment
October 1, 2009	Anticipated federal approval of MTP/MTIP amendment

SACOG's interagency consultation group, the Regional Planning Partnership, is scheduled to review and provide input on the proposed assumptions associated with the MTP/MTIP amendments and the air quality conformity analysis at their meeting on May 27.

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