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To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Susan Payne

Subject: Item 3b: Air Quality Conformity Determination for FY05-07 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

Action Requested:

Adopt Air Quality Conformity Determination for FY05-07 MTIP.

Issue Summary

An air quality conformity determination is required under Federal and State regulations whenever the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) is updated for other than administrative amendments. The current FY04-06 MTIP was adopted by MPC in October 2003 and was last conformed on December 9, 2004. A new FY05-07 MTIP must be conformed before it can be approved by USDOT.

The conformity determination must show that the projects programmed in the MTIP do not result in violations of the Clean Air Act., that the programmed projects meet financial constraint requirements, and that the both public and interagency review of the conformity determination have been conducted.

A draft Conformity Determination based on the draft FY05-07 MTIP and the 2004-2025 Regional Transportation Plan was prepared in October/November and provided to MPC on November 18. Based on Interagency Consultations with USDOT, USEPA, ODOT and LRAPA, minor changes for purposes of clarity were made to the draft; the substance and conclusion remains the same: the FY05-07 MTIP meets all conformity regulations. No public comments have been received since the comment period was opened on November 4, 2004. No substantive public comments were provided at the public hearing on December 9.

The final Conformity Determination draft is available on-line at <http://www.lcog.org/meetings/mpc.html> and will be available at the December 30 MPC meeting.

Attachment 1 is a memo that provides additional background on associated state and federal requirements and that summarizes results documented in the Conformity Determination.

Attachment 2 is the adopting resolution for the Conformity Determination for the FY05-07 MTIP.

Attachment 1: Executive Summary -- Air Quality Conformity Determination

Attachment 2: Adopting Resolution – Air Quality Conformity Determination for 2004-2025 RTP and FY05-07 MTIP

MPC 3b – Cover Memo – FY05-07 MTIP Air Quality Conformity Determination