



DATE: April 1, 2019

TO: Interagency Consultation Partners

FROM: Yunsheng Luo, KCAG Staff

RE: Availability of Final 2015 Ozone Conformity Analysis

On March 27, 2019, the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) Transportation Policy Committee adopted the Final 2015 Ozone Conformity Analysis for the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), as amended. Associated documentation is attached as indicated below.

- **Conformity Requirements:** Attachment 1 includes the 2015 Ozone Conformity Analysis, which contains the documentation demonstrating that the criteria specified in the federal transportation conformity rule and the federal ozone implementation rule for the 2015 ozone standard are satisfied by the 2018 RTP and 2019 FTIP, as amended. As required by the federal implementation rule for the 2015 ozone standard published on December 6, 2018, the 2015 Ozone Conformity Analysis addresses a new attainment year 2037. In addition, the conformity analysis addresses new analysis years 2020, 2023, 2026, and 2029 in line with the 2008 ozone standard budgets developed as part of the 2018 Updates to the California State Implementation Plan and found adequate by the EPA on March 25, 2019. In addition, the projects and /or project phases contained in the amendments do not interfere with the timely implementation of any approved TCMs.
- **Public Involvement:** Attachment 2 includes the Adoption Resolution.

The public review and comment period was open for 30 days commencing on January 11, 2019 and ending on February 11, 2019. A public hearing was held on January 23, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. All documents can be viewed on the KCAG website at <https://www.kingscog.org/airq>. Expedited federal approval is requested.

In conclusion, the 2015 Ozone Conformity Analysis meet all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450, 40 CFR Part 93, and conform to the applicable SIPs. If you have any questions, please contact Yunsheng Luo, at 559-852-2584 or Yunsheng.luo@co.kings.ca.us.

ATTACHMENT 1
FINAL 2015 OZONE CONFORMITY ANALYSIS

(Available at <https://www.kingscog.org/airq>)

ATTACHMENT 2
ADOPTION RESOLUTION

**BEFORE THE KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

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**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE 2015)
OZONE CONFORMITY ANALYSIS FOR THE)
2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN)
AND 2019 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION)
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM)**

RESOLUTION NO. 19-02

**RE: 2015 OZONE
CONFORMITY**

WHEREAS, the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) is a Regional Transportation Planning Agency and a Metropolitan Planning Organization, pursuant to State and Federal designation; and

WHEREAS, federal planning regulations require Metropolitan Planning Organizations to prepare and adopt a long range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for their region; and

WHEREAS, a 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (2018 RTP) has been prepared in full compliance with federal guidance; and

WHEREAS, 2018 RTP has been prepared in accordance with state guidelines adopted by the California Transportation Commission; and

WHEREAS, federal planning regulations require that Metropolitan Planning Organizations prepare and adopt a short range Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for their region; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (2019 FTIP) has been prepared to comply with Federal and State requirements for local projects and through a cooperative process between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans), principal elected officials of general purpose local governments and their staffs, and public owner operators of mass transportation services acting through the KCAG forum and general public involvement; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 FTIP program listing is consistent with: 1) the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan; 2) the 2018 State Transportation Improvement Program; and 3) the 2015 Ozone Conformity Analysis; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 FTIP contains the MPO's certification of the transportation planning process assuring that all federal requirements have been fulfilled; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 FTIP meets all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450; and

WHEREAS, KCAG has integrated into its metropolitan transportation planning process, directly or by reference, the goals, objectives, performance measures, and targets described in other State transportation plans and transportation processes, as well as any plans developed under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 by providers of public transportation, required as part of a performance-based program; and

WHEREAS, projects submitted in the 2019 FTIP must be financially constrained and the financial plan affirms that funding is available; and

WHEREAS, the MPO must demonstrate conformity per 40 CFR Part 93 for the RTP and FTIP; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Ozone Conformity Analysis is a new conformity analysis for the 2019 FTIP and 2018 RTP prepared in compliance with requirements of the federal implementation rule for the 2015 ozone standard; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Ozone Conformity Analysis supports a finding that the 2019 FTIP and 2018 RTP meet the air quality conformity requirements for ozone and particulate matter; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 RTP and 2019 FTIP do not interfere with the timely implementation of the Transportation Control Measures; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 RTP and 2019 FTIP conforms to the applicable SIPs; and

WHEREAS, the documents have been widely circulated and reviewed by KCAG advisory committees representing the technical and management staffs of the member agencies; representatives of other governmental agencies, including State and Federal; representatives of special interest groups; representatives of the private business sector; and residents of Kings County consistent with public participation process adopted by KCAG; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted on January 23, 2019 to hear and consider comments on the 2015 Ozone Conformity Analysis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee adopts the 2015 Ozone Conformity Analysis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee finds that the 2018 RTP and 2019 FTIP are in conformity with the requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments and applicable State Implementation Plans for air quality.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, at a regular meeting held on March 27, 2019, by the following vote:

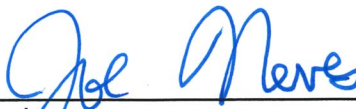
AYES: Brown, Ramirez, Neves, Fagundes, Miller, Palmerin, Woolley

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**



Chairman

WITNESS, my hand this 27th day of March, 2019.



Terri King, Executive Director