PROJECT-LEVEL CONFORMITY PROCESS

1. Project Area is subject to conformity
   See Caltrans website
   - Yes
   - No


2. Project Exempt from Conformity? (40 CFR 93.126, 128)
   - Yes
   - No


3. Project Exempt from Regional Analysis? (40 CFR 93.127)
   - Yes
   - No

   Based on Interagency Consultation concurrence, is a Conformity Hot Spot Analysis needed (in CO, PM10, PM2.5 areas)?

4. Based on Interagency Consultation, is the project Regionally Significant and is the project located in a CO, PM10, or PM2.5 area?
   - No
   - Yes

   Document Regional Conformity Proceed to the Regional Conformity Process See Page 3

5. Perform Hot Spot Analysis
   - CO: CO Protocol
   - PM10, PM2.5: EPA Guidance and Interagency Consultation
   - PM10, PM2.5 Areas: Document SIP and NEPA document control measures and provide written commitment to implementation See Page 2

Once the Regional Conformity Process and/or CO Protocol have been completed, the Conformity Analysis and Documentation is complete.
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CO Protocol

Is the project in a CO nonattainment or maintenance area?

- Yes
  - Perform CO Hot Spot Analysis (CO Protocol or 40 CFR 93.116 & 123). Document procedures used, which screening steps apply to the project, modeling results (if done), and lack of hot spot.

- No
  - Prepare Hot Spot Analysis (EPA Guidance; 40 CFR 93.116, 123)

Is the project in a PM10 or PM2.5 nonattainment or maintenance area?

- Yes
  - Document consultation process and results
    - List PM10 or PM2.5 control measures in approved SIP, if applicable to project, and make written commitment. List CO, PM measures relied on for regional conformity, if any, and make written commitment to implement. List PM10 or PM2.5 control measures in NEPA document and make written commitment. (40 CFR 93.117, 125)
    - Request Regional Interagency Consultation regarding Not-POAQC determination or Hot Spot Analysis.
    - For FONSI and EIS projects, after obtaining Interagency Consultation concurrence, carry out public notice and comment process (combine with NEPA comment process, if possible).
    - Summarize and respond in writing to public comments.

- No
  - No

Is the project a Project of Air Quality Concern (POAQC)? (EPA Guidance)

- Yes
  - Document reasons why not a POAQC; prepare Interagency Consultation review form or memo.

- No
  - Hot Spot Assessment complete.
PROJECT-LEVEL CONFORMITY PROCESS

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Regional Conformity must be documented

Is the project in an MPO or non-MPO area?

Non-MPO

Is the non-MPO area an “Isolated Rural” or “Donut” type?

Donut

Are the RTP and TIP (TIP alone in “donut” area) currently conforming?

No

PROJECT CANNOT BE APPROVED.

Yes

Is the project listed in the RTP, TIP, and conformity analysis with same design concept, scope, and schedule?

No

Yes


Amend RTP and TIP
Amend RTP and TIP to add project, or to correct design concept, scope, and schedule (open to traffic)

Carry out project-level regional analysis (40 CFR 93.109[g])
Interagency Consultation required based on 40 CFR 93.105, Consultation MOA, or approved Conformity SIP.

Public review required, consistent with NEPA or RTP public review procedures, or Conformity SIP, if applicable.

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