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Staff Report

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2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment Air Quality Conformity Determination Chris Lukasina, CAMPO Staff

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As a result of recent changes in federal guidance, the Capital Area MPO is once again required to demonstrate conformity between the MTP and TIP for air quality. A required step is the development of an Air Quality Conformity Determination analysis and report. This is required for updates and changes to the MTP and/or the TIP. A required step in the amendment of the FY 2018-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is to ensure that it conforms to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). This includes verifying that the timing, scope, and cost of projects in the plan and program are the same.

CAMPO staff has been working with the NC Department of Transportation, Division of Air Quality (DAQ), and the NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to implement the updates necessary for the required air quality conformity determination, including locating and resolving all differences between the latest updates to the TIP and the MTP. Attached is a listing of necessary updates to the MTP to support the Western BRT Corridor and to meet air quality conformity requirements. A copy of the Air Quality Determination report and the updated MTP and TIP will be posted online at http://www.campo-nc.us/transportation-plan/air-qualityconformity. A public comment period opened on October 1, 2020 and a public hearing will be scheduled for October 21, 2020.

Requested Action: Receive as information.