

FY 2006-2011 TIP Development Schedule

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- August, 2005** The call for modeled projects for the FY 2006-2011 TIP begins. CATS sends implementers existing modeled project information, new modeled project submittal forms and instructions.
- November, 2005** Deadline for implementers to submit modeled project data, except for financial information.
- January 2006** Service Boards submit FY 06-11 programs as approved by the RTA Board.
- January, 2006** CATS sends modeled project data (except for financial data) to implementing agencies for their review and concurrence.
- February, 2006** Implementers concur with or correct the modeled project data sent out for review in January. **This is the final date for changes to implementation year and other modeled project data.**
- March, 2006** The call for non-modeled projects and financial information for all projects for the FY 2006-2011 TIP begins. CATS sends implementers existing modeled and non-modeled project information, new non-modeled project submittal forms and instructions.
- April, 2006** Deadline for implementers to submit non-modeled project data and financial data for all projects for the FY 2006-2011 TIP. (Implementation year and modeled project data may not be changed for modeled projects.)
- May, 2006** CATS sends all FY 2006-2011 TIP projects to implementers for final review and concurrence.
- June, 2006** Implementers concur with or correct all FY 2006-2011 TIP projects. (Implementation year and modeled project data may not be changed for modeled projects.)
- July, 2006** Work Program Committee considers approving FY 2006-2011 TIP and conformity finding for public comment.
- August, 2006** The public comment period on FY 2006-2011 TIP and conformity finding begins. (Coordinated with comment period on the 2030 RTP update.)
- August, 2006** One or more public meetings on the FY 2006-2011 TIP and conformity finding will be held. (Coordinated with public meetings on the 2030 RTP update.)
- September, 2006** The public comment period on FY 2006-2011 TIP and conformity finding ends.
- September, 2006** Work Program Committee considers approval of FY 2006-2011 TIP and conformity finding.
- October, 2006** Policy Committee considers approval of FY 2006-2011 TIP and conformity finding. (Coordinated with approval of 2030 RTP update.)

Notes:

Modeled project work types are identified in Chapter 5 of the TIP. They are either “non-exempt” or “exempt tested.”

Projects submitted for inclusion in the FY 06-11 TIP are subject to consistency with the projects, systems or strategies of the 2030 RTP.

The 2030 RTP update, including conformity, must be approved by October 20, 2006 (three years from the last approval)

The TIP update, including conformity, must be approved by June 9, 2007 (two years from the last approval)

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CONFORMITY INFORMATION

1. Work Types

Projects must have one or more work types, which describe the improvements being made as a result of the project. The maximum number of work types accommodated in the TIP is three. Work types, their associated codes and descriptive information are given in the table immediately following the end of this text.

2. Exempt Status

The Exempt Status field on a project listing indicates whether a project must be included in conformity determinations. Projects are either exempt or not exempt. The status of a project depends on the work types. Projects that include non-exempt work types must be included in the determination and are “not exempt.”

Projects that are not exempt may not be added to the TIP between conformity determinations, with three exceptions. Projects with non-exempt work types may have engineering-I or alternatives analysis phases added to the TIP. Signal interconnect projects (all phases) may be added to the TIP. Finally, projects that are not exempt may be added to the TIP by agreement through the consultation process.

Projects that include “exempt tested” work types (but not non-exempt work types) are included in the conformity analysis, but such inclusion is not mandated by federal regulation. Projects with exempt tested work types may be added to the TIP between conformity cycles.

Projects comprised entirely of exempt work types are not included in the conformity analysis and may be added to the TIP between conformity cycles.

3. Conformity Status

The Conformity Status field on a project listing indicates whether a project has been included in the most recent conformity determination. Exempt projects and exempt tested projects always have a conformity status of “Exempt.” Not exempt projects may be “Conformed,” “Not Conformed,” “To Be Conformed,” or “Consultation.” Signal interconnect projects are listed as “To Be Conformed” if they are added to the TIP between conformity determinations. Projects are listed as being in “Consultation” if the regional consultation process has determined that the project is not regionally significant and may be included in the TIP.

Thus, the possible combinations of Exempt and Conformity Status are: exempt/exempt, exempt tested/exempt, not exempt/conformed, not exempt/consultation, not exempt/to be conformed and not exempt/not conformed.

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