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Subject: Request for IAC to confirm that the recently released National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program (NEVI) projects are exempt projects

Dear Members of TCWG:

SCAG requests a determination by TCWG that the NEVI projects in the SCAG region can be programmed in the FTIP as exempt projects. On April 4, 2023, Caltrans provided the list to MPOs asking for the projects to be programmed in the next 2023 FTIP Amendment.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) establishes a National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program ("NEVI Formula") to provide funding to States to strategically deploy electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and to establish an interconnected network to facilitate data collection, access, and reliability. NEVI projects are required to be on federally designated Alternative Fuel Corridors. Stations must be no more than 50 miles apart and no more than 1 mile from a corridor exit.

Since MPOs do not have any official guidance that these projects are exempt, FHWA is suggesting that MPOs request the IAC to confirm that these projects are exempt projects. Therefore, SCAG is requesting that members of the TCWG review the attached list of projects and provide a determination that these projects can be programmed in the FTIP as exempt projects.

Sincerely,

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