PROJECT-LEVEL CONFORMITY PROCESS

Project Area is subject to conformity
[See Caltrans website](#)

No

Conformity does not apply. Document attainment status in the Transportation Air Quality Conformity Findings Checklist.
Process complete.

Yes

Project Exempt from Conformity?
(40 CFR 93.126, 128)

Yes

Document exemption type in the Transportation Air Quality Conformity Findings Checklist. Complete checklist items as needed.
Process complete.

No

No

Project Exempt from Regional Analysis?
(40 CFR 93.127)

Yes

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

No

Based on Interagency Consultation, is the project Regionally Significant **and** is the project located in a CO, PM10, or PM2.5 area?

Yes

No

Yes

Document Regional Conformity
Proceed to the Regional Conformity Process
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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
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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 ↓

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

No →

Yes ↓

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

No → Document reasons why not a POAQC; prepare Interagency Consultation review form or memo.

Yes ↓

Prepare Hot Spot Analysis (EPA Guidance; 40 CFR 93.116, 123)

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.

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)

Hot Spot Assessment complete.

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Regional Conformity must be documented

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

MPO

Non-MPO

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

Isolated Rural

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.

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?

Yes

Document regional conformity. **Analysis complete.**

No

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