



Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021

To: Recipients

Re: FY 2021 Air Quality Assistance
Questions and Answers

Q1. Why is there such a short timeframe given for this effort?

A1. This regional emissions analysis is being triggered by the release of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which is scheduled to be adopted by the SJTPO Policy Board on September 27, 2021. However, given SJTPO's extensive transportation conformity process, which includes time for interagency consultation, a minimum 30-day public comment period, and time for review and editing of the TIP as well as the conformity determination document, staff can only allot two weeks for the regional emissions analysis to accommodate these other requirements and still meet the September TIP Policy Board adoption date of September 27, 2021.

Q2. Is it possible for SJTPO to waive the requirement of physical submission? Due to COVID-19 pandemic guidance, most of our staff continues to work from home. The physical submission, which would be identical to the digital submission we will email you, would require some of our staff to be in person in the office.

A2. Submission of proposals for SJTPO's technical studies traditionally only permit multiple hard copies by a specific deadline. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, SJTPO has added the submission of a digital copy of the proposal. This requirement is in addition to, and not in place of, a hard copy of the submission. A physical copy of the proposal is noted as a required element of this RPF, and the last two RFPs released by SJTPO during the COVID-19 pandemic.