
**TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**August 22, 2017
Minutes**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Meeting of the Transportation Conformity Working Group was held at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.

In Attendance:

Chiou, Wayne	Caltrans, District 12
Huddleston, Lori	Metro
Morris, Michael	FHWA
Sherwood, Arnie	UC Berkeley
Whisman, Rusty	ICF

SCAG:

Asuncion, John
Kaufman, Matt
Luo, Rongsheng
Tran, Daniel

Via Teleconference:

Behtash, Arman	Caltrans District 12
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Chu, Philip	SBCTA
Chung, Jeeseong	Metro
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Hudson, Kerrie	Caltrans, District 8
Masters, Martha	RCTC
Nealon, Alison	Caltrans Headquarters
Pereira, Melina	Caltrans, District 11
Sun, Lijin	SCAQMD
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans Headquarters
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9
Tisopulos, Tara	OCTA
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans District 7

**TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**August 22, 2017
Minutes**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION

Wayne Chiou, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1. July 25, 2017 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) **200207**

It was determined that this is not a POAQC (The PM form has been revised after the meeting to address TCWG comments; Final EPA concurrence was received via email after the meeting).

2) **ORA170205**

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

3) **LAWA Roadway Improvement Projects Status Update**

Andrew Yoon, Caltrans District 7, reported that Caltrans, with assistance from EPA and FHWA, has determined that this project is not a FHWA project and thus does not require TCWG review.

4.2 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported on main changes in Draft 2019 FTIP Guidelines excluding Chapters 3 and 4:

- Chapter 1. Policy and Requirements
 - Added information on FAST Act and SB-1
 - Added Section J. Performance Measures and Rulemaking
 - Added Section V. National Highway Freight Program and Subsection 1 - CFIP & High Priority Freight Corridors
- Chapter 2. Schedules and Submittals
 - Revised Sample Financial Resolution to reflect FAST Act

**TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**August 22, 2017
Minutes**

- Chapter 5. Programming, TIP Database and References
 - Under Section B TIP Database, added Item 13. Group Projects

In addition, Mr. Asuncion reported that 2019 FTIP Guidelines would be presented to SCAG Transportation Committee and Regional Council on September 7, 2017.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported that there are major changes only in Sections C and D of Chapters 3 while there are no major changes in Chapter 4 of Draft 2019 FTIP Guidelines:

- Six new tables have been added in *Section C Required Modeling for Transportation Conformity* due to anticipated new transportation conformity budgets. These budgets are included in recently submitted air quality management plans or state implementation plans in SCAG region and are expected to be approved by EPA before federal approval of 2019 FTIP.
- Extensive updates have been made to transit projects while no changes have been made to highway projects in Section D *Table III-A Modeling Information*.

4.3 RTP Update

Daniel Tran, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #2 and 2017 FTIP Consistency Amendment #17-07 received approval from FHWA and FTA on August 1, 2017. Electronic copies of Amendments and FHWA/FTA approval letter are available on SCAG's website.
- SCAG staff planned to make 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #3 in conjunction with 2019 FTIP and would inform County Transportation Commissions in SCAG region once Amendment #3 process is initiated.

4.4 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported the following:

- EPA had withdrawn its previously announced one-year extension of deadline for promulgating initial area designations for 2015 ozone standards. As a result, EPA planned to complete initial area designations by October 2017.
- Remaining area designations would take longer to complete and would vary case by case. EPA staff would provide updates regarding schedules for these remaining area designations at future meetings.

**TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**August 22, 2017
Minutes**

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following on behalf of Karina O'Connor, EPA Region 9:

- EPA Region 9 staff had another productive call with other EPA regions who are also interested in obtaining guidance from EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ) on streamlining POAQC process and further clarifying Exempt projects.
- OTAQ would provide more detailed directions which EPA Region 9 staff would work with Caltrans and FHWA California Division to incorporate into a handout for distribution.

4.5 ARB Update
No updates.

4.6 Air Districts Update
No updates.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, acknowledged Wayne Chiou, Caltrans District 12, for his leadership, service, and contribution as TCWG Chair over last twelve months.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.