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

**July 25, 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
Trifiletti, Lisa	Trifiletti Consulting, Inc.
Vega, Sylvia	GPA Consulting

SCAG:

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

Via Teleconference:

Alvarez, Grace	RCTC
Baker, Sarah	CH2M Hill
Brugger, Ron	LSA Associates
Burnam, Joza	Parsons
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Christian, Shalanda	Caltrans Headquarters
Culberson, Stephen	Ricondo & Associates
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Globa, Victor	FAA
Hudson, Kerrie	Caltrans, District 8
Ionta, Tom	CH2M Hill
O'Connor, Karina	EPA, Region 9
Ogunrinde, Ayokunle	Metro
Pereira, Melina	Caltrans, District 11
Sakamoto, Dale	LA County
Sun, Lijin	SCAQMD
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans Headquarters
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9
Tisopulos, Tara	OCTA

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Vaughn, Joseph	FHWA
Walecka, Carla	TCA
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7

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. Revised 23, 2017 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

3.2. June 27, 2017 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) **LAOD465**

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

2) **LAE0465**

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

3) **LAWA Roadway Improvement**

Caltrans would meet with LAWA to determine whether the project would need any FHWA approval.

4) **SR-91 Improvement**

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

4.2 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

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- SCAG staff was reviewed county project submittals for 2017 FTIP Amendment #17-11 and would be releasing the Amendment in early August for a 10-day public review.
- SCAG staff would present Draft 2019 FTIP Guidelines to TCWG at its August meeting.

4.3 RTP Update

Daniel Tran, SCAG, reported the following:

- Proposed Final 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #2 and 2017 FTIP Consistency Amendment #17-07 were adopted by SCAG's Regional Council on July 6, 2017.
- The Amendments were subsequently submitted to FHWA/FTA for approval.

4.4 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported the following:

- EPA had received and were drafting response to public comments on its two proposed approvals published in Federal Register in June 2017: South Coast's 2015/2016 Regional Clean Air Incentives Market (RECLAIM) Amendment and South Coast's 2008 Ozone Reasonably Available Control Technology State Implementation Plan (RACT SIP).
- EPA staff would report back to TCWG after the two actions have been finalized.
- EPA staff also continued to review South Coast's RECLAIM RACT Supplemental SIP submittal in order to remedy running sanctions clock that could lead to sanctions as early as in November 2017. EPA staff would be working diligently to defer the sanctions.

Karina O'Connor, EPA Region 9, reported the following:

- EPA was still consulting with FHWA Headquarters on Caltrans and Metro's proposal to streamline PM hot spot interagency review process for certain types of transportation projects. EPA Region 9 staff also was consulting with other EPA Regions to ensure consistency across regions.
- EPA also were working on clarifications on exempt projects and determinations coming out of Mare Island meetings with Caltrans and FHWA. EPA staff expected to share the results with TCWG in August or September 2017.

Joseph Vaughn, FHWA, acknowledged the excellent effort by EPA and Caltrans staff.

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Rodney Tavitas, Caltrans Headquarters, also thank FHWA and EPA staff for their help in coming up solutions in streamlining PM hot spot interagency review process for those projects that we know are not POAQC.

4.5 ARB Update
No updates.

4.6 Air Districts Update
No updates.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

In response to a question, Lijin Sun, SCAQMD, confirmed that there would be a second/joint Working Groups meeting for all 2016 South Coast AQMP Facility-based Mobile Source Measures at SCAQMD Headquarters on July 27, 2017, 1 pm – 4 pm.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.