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

**January 22, 2018
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:

Huddleston, Lori	Metro
Mejia, James	SBCTA
Morris, Michael	FHWA

SCAG:

Asuncion, John
Louie, Matthew
Luo, Rongsheng
Sangkapichai, Mana

Via Teleconference:

Brugger, Ron	LSA Associates
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Chan, Jenny	RCTC
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans District 11
McFall, Valarie	TCA
Nord, Greg	OCTA
Sanchez, Lucas	Caltrans Headquarters
Sun, Lijin	SCAQMD
Whiteaker, Warren	OCTA
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans District 7

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION

James Mejia, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

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3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1. December 4, 2018 TCWG Meeting Minutes

In response to a comment, Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, confirmed that the meeting minutes would be revised to reflect reported status update on 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #3 under agenda item 4.3 RTP Update.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Impact of Federal Government Shutdown on Transportation Conformity and Projects
Lucas Sanchez, Caltrans Headquarters, reported the following:

- Federal government shutdown in progress had potential to affect project scheduling and delivery.
 - Until federal government shutdown ended and EPA and FTA returned to normal operations, any major FTIP amendments and project-level determinations that require EPA and FTA concurrence (e.g., new conformity and POAQC determinations) could not move forward.
 - However, minor FTIP amendment, addition of and changes to exempt projects could move forward during federal government shutdown.
- RTP and FTIP conformity re-determination needed to receive federal approval by August 3, 2019 for 2015 8-hour ozone standards.

Michael Morris, FHWA, clarified that only changes to highway projects that do not require conformity determination would be approved during federal government shutdown.

In response to a question, Mr. Morris, FHWA, expected some backlog of work at EPA and FTA after end of federal government shutdown.

In response to a question, Mr. Sanchez, Caltrans Headquarters, clarified that a minor FTIP amendment was an amendment that did not require a new conformity determination (e.g., an FTIP administrative modification).

4.2 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2019 FTIP and 2019 FTIP Amendment #19-01 received concurrent federal approval in mid-December 2018.
- 2019 Administrative modification #19-02 was also approved before federal government shutdown.

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In response to a question, Mr. Morris, FHWA, and Mr. Asuncion, SCAG, further clarified that change to transit projects in an FTIP administrative modification (e.g., bus replacement) could move forward during federal government shutdown.

In response to a question, Mr. Asuncion, SCAG, stated that project input for next 2019 FTIP Administrative Modification #19-04 would be due to SCAG by February 26, 2019.

4.3 RTP Update

Mr. Asuncion reported the following:

- 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #3 was approved concurrently with 2019 FTIP.
- 2020 RTP/SCS, known as Connect SoCal, was under development.

4.4 EPA Update

None.

4.5 ARB Update

None.

4.6 Air Districts Update

None.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

None.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 am. The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at the SCAG main office in downtown Los Angeles.