



TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was held via Zoom teleconference. A digital recording of the meeting is available for listening in SCAG's office.

Attendee List

SCAG Staff:

Asuncion, John
Calderon, Karen
Martinez, Jennifer
Sangkapichai, Mana

Via Teleconference:

Acebo, Mervin
Anderson, Kelsie
Bade, Rabindra
Bagde, Abhijit
Blake, Michelle
Blondell, Curtis
Brugger, Ron
Carpio, Wellvin
Cooper, Keith
Garcia, Ismael
Hendrawan, Kevin
Huddleston, Lori
Kahrs, Jacqueline
Kulkarni, Anup
Lay, Keith
Lee, David
Lugaro, Julie
Marroquin, Nancy
Masters, Martha
Miranda, Jude
Moran, Nohemi
O'Connor, Karina
Odufalu, Femi
Richmai, Michael
Simpson, James
Smolke, Brian
Sun, Lijin
Whiteaker, Warren
Yoon, Andrew

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Caltrans District 11
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MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Karen Calderon, SCAG, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1. December 7, 2021 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were deferred to next TCWG Meeting.
- 3.2. January 25, 2022 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were deferred to next TCWG Meeting.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 4.1. Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms (10 minutes)
 - **LALS06rev:** It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern. (Caltrans HQ concurrence was obtained via email after the meeting)
 - **LA0G441:** It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern. (Caltrans HQ concurrence was obtained via email after the meeting)
- 4.2. Revised OCTA TCA TCM Substitution Emissions Analysis Methodology and Findings
 - Anup Kulkarni, OCTA, presented the revised TCA TCM Substitution to replace three TCA capital improvement TCM projects (FTIP Project IDs: 10254, ORA050, & ORA051) with three signal synchronization projects to be completed by the end of 2022.
 - Brian Smolke, OCTA, presented the details of the Emissions Analysis Methodology, including details on OCTAM, running EMFAC2017, and application of the CMAQ Toolkit methodology to calculate emissions reductions benefits of both the TCA TCM projects and the proposed substitute signal synchronization projects.
 - The analysis results showed Proposed Substitute Projects would yield less than or equivalent amounts of emissions for all criteria pollutants for all milestone years compared to TCA TCM projects.
 - For next steps, SCAG staff planned to release a draft report for public review in the week of February 28, and address any comments in the proposed final report to be presented to SCAG's EEC on April 7 for recommended adoption by SCAG's Regional Council on May 5.
- 4.3. Revised OCTA Four Transit TCM Projects Substitution Request
 - Anup Kulkarni, OCTA, presented a request for substitution of four transit TCM projects (FTIP Project IDs: ORA170205, ORA085004, ORA130099, & ORA030612) with a new 10-mile Bravo! express bus line from ARTIC to South Coast Metro District to be completed by the end of 2022.
 - Brian Smolke, OCTA, presented the details of the Emissions Analysis Methodology.
 - The analysis results demonstrated that the proposed substitute TCM project would yield less than or equivalent amounts of emissions compared with the four previously committed TCM for all criteria pollutants for all milestone years.
- 4.4. RTP Update
John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:
 - At the Joint Meeting of the Policy Committees on February 3, 2022, SCAG staff presented key findings for demographics, transportation finance, congestion, modal changes, and goods movement, and housing production; A panel discussion was also held on some of the emerging and prominent issues, including equity.



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- SCAG was in the data collection and policy development phase of developing Connect SoCal 2024 and planned to work with CTCs on the project list later in 2022.

4.5. FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported that SCAG staff continued to work on the development of 2023 FTIP and anticipated adoption by SCAG's Regional Council in Fall 2022 and federal approval in mid-December 2022.

4.6. US EPA Update

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

- US EPA had received all EMFAC2021 waiver submittals from CARB.
- US EPA was waiting on revisions to EMFAC2017 Adjustment Factors, a letter to clarify the differences between the web app and desktop versions of EMFAC2021, and possible revisions to EMFAC2021 to fix a technical bug.
- Due to a request for additional time from CARB to address these revisions, US EPA expected to publish the federal register notice for EMFAC2021 and EMFAC2017 adjustment factors in April 2022.

4.7. CARB Update

Kevin Hendrawan, CARB, confirmed US EPA's update stating that CARB had submitted all the EMFAC2021 waiver submittals and was working with US EPA to confirm the EMFAC2017 Adjustment Factors.

4.8. Air District Updates

None.

5. INFORMATION SHARING

Karen Calderon, SCAG, shared that SCAG would be launching an enhanced search feature on the Project Level Conformity webpage that allow users to search PM hot spot review forms and analyses by FTIP project numbers on March 1, 2022.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.