



# TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

## Meeting Minutes

March 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:

Barajas, Agustin  
Calderon, Karen  
Ekman, Annaleigh  
Milner, David  
Sangkapichai, Mana  
Wen, Frank

#### Via Teleconference:

Anderson, Kelsie  
Arellano, Lexie  
Bade, Rabindra  
Bagde, Abhijit  
Brugger, Ron  
Cacatian, Ben  
Carpio, Wellvin  
Cooper, Keith  
Espinoza Araiza, Erika  
Hendrawan, Kevin  
Huddleston, Lori  
Kahrs, Jacqueline  
Kulkarni, Anup  
Lay, Keith  
Lee, David  
Lugaro, Julie  
Marroquin, Nancy  
Masters, Martha  
Miranda, Jude  
O'Connor, Karina  
Richmai, Michael  
Rivers, Ricky  
Roberts, Mark  
Simpson, James  
Smolke, Brian  
Sun, Lijin  
Tavitas, Rodney  
Vaughn, Joseph  
Whiteaker, Warren  
Yoon, Andrew

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Caltrans District 12  
LA Metro  
RCTC  
Caltrans District 12  
US EPA Region 9  
LA Metro  
Caltrans District 8  
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South Coast AQMD  
Caltrans Headquarters  
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## MEETING SUMMARY

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Karen Calderon, SCAG, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1. December 7, 2021 TCWG Meeting Minutes  
The meeting minutes were approved.
- 3.2. January 25, 2022 TCWG Meeting Minutes  
The meeting minutes were deferred to next TCWG Meeting.
- 3.3. February 22, 2022 TCWG Meeting Minutes  
The meeting minutes were deferred to next TCWG Meeting.

### 4. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 4.1. RTP Update

Agustin Barajas, SCAG, reported the following:

- Connect SoCal Amendment No. 2 was moving forward and was expected to be approved in December 2022.
- Project input for Connect SoCal Amendment No. 3 was due to SCAG March 15, 2022. Project input would be submitted to SCAG modeling staff upon approval of EMFAC2021. Connect SoCal Amendment No. 3 was expected to be approved in Spring or Summer 2023.

#### 4.2. FTIP Update

Agustin Barajas, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2021 FTIP Administrative Modification #21-18 was approved on March 1, 2022.
- 2021 FTIP Formal Amendment #21-19 was approved by SCAG and subsequently submitted for State and Federal approvals with expected approval in May 2022.
- 2021 FTIP Formal Amendment #21-20 was under review.
- 2021 FTIP Administrative Modification #21-21 and Formal Amendment #21-22 were due to SCAG April 5, 2022.

#### 4.2.1. Status Update on OCTA TCA TCM Substitution (FTIP IDs 10254, ORA050 & ORA051)

Karen Calderon, SCAG, provided the following update based on notes from Rongsheng Luo, SCAG:

- SCAG staff prepared Draft OCTA TCM Substitution Report based on OCTA analysis and released it for 15-day public review which would conclude at 5 pm March 22, 2022.
- No comments had been received at time of reporting. If any public comments would be received before comment deadline, these comments would be summarized, responded to, and addressed as appropriate in proposed final OCTA TCM Substitution Report.
- Proposed Final OCTA TCM Substitution Report would be scheduled to be brought to SCAG's Energy and Environment Committee at its next meeting on April 7 for recommended adoption by SCAG's Regional Council on May 5.
- Upon adoption by Regional Council, OCTA TCM Substitution Report would be submitted to ARB and US EPA for their respective concurrence.
- Upon concurrence by both ARB and US EPA, original TCM projects would be rescinded and new TCM



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measures would become effective.

- Substitute TCMs would be processed through an FTIP amendment as committed TCMs into conforming FTIP.

In response to a question asked during meeting, Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, clarified via e-mail after meeting that OCTA TCA TCM Substitution would be included on consent calendar of May Regional Council meeting agenda.

In response to a general question on whether HOV Conversion into ExpressLane project would require a TCM Substitution, Karina O'Connor, EPA, suggested a meeting outside of TCWG to discuss.

## 4.3. US EPA Update

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

- US EPA staff continued to work on EMFAC2021 Federal Notice with next step to share the notice with FHWA and CARB for their review.
- US EPA was waiting on revisions to EMFAC2021 to fix a technical bug and a letter to clarify differences between web and desktop versions of EMFAC2021.

## 4.4. CARB Update

Kevin Hendrawan, CARB, reported the following:

- CARB continued to work with US EPA to submit final EMFAC2021.
- Draft State SIP Strategy was available for public comment.

In response to a question regarding adjustments to ozone conformity budgets in Coachella Valley for Connect SoCal Amendment No. 3, Kevin stated that CARB was working on the issue and would keep TCWG updated on any progress.

## 4.5. Air District Updates

Lijin Sun, South Coast AQMD, reported the following:

- Development of draft 2022 AQMP continued with staff review of written chapters of the AQMP, and initiation of CEQA analysis.
- AQMD staff review was anticipated to conclude in May 2022.

Ben Cacatian, Ventura County APCD, reported the following:

- APCD staff continued developing draft Ventura County 2022 AQMP and expected to release for public comment in April, May, or even June 2022, dependent on emissions and modeling data from South Coast AQMD and CARB.
- The draft AQMP would include appendices for TCM and RACM analysis.
- Preliminary TCM RACM analysis was completed in January 2022 and had been presented to the public and VCTC for review and comments.
- RACM list of TCMs was developed using current Ventura County AQMP/SIP, AQMPs from other air districts, and TCMs outlined by Clean Air Act.
- Initial Findings of the RACM analysis showed that TCMs that were found to be feasible were already being implemented in Ventura County and had been included in SCAG Connect So Cal and FTIP; TCMs that had been found to be infeasible for Ventura County did not meet the criteria for RACM; and implementation of all feasible TCMs would not advance attainment of 2015 8-hour ozone standard by at least one year.



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## 5. INFORMATION SHARING

Karen Calderon noted that this would have been Paul Phan's last meeting as TCWG chair. Karen acknowledged and thanked Paul for his service and contribution as TCWG Chair over the past 12 months.

Karen announced she would be on Maternity Leave, and requested that all TCWG-related requests, including PM Hot Spot Analyses Interagency Review Forms, be sent to Rongsheng Luo ([luo@scag.ca.gov](mailto:luo@scag.ca.gov)) in her absence.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.