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

**April 27, 2021
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 via teleconference.

SCAG

Asuncion, John
Calderon, Karen
Ekman, Annaleigh
Luo, Rongsheng
Sangkapichai, Mana

Via Teleconference

Acosta, Brooke	IBI Group
Aljabiry, Muhaned	Caltrans Headquarters
Anderson, Kelsie	TCA
Arellano, Lexie	Caltrans Headquarters
Bagde, Abhijit	Caltrans Headquarters
Bade, Rabindra	Caltrans District 12
Huddleston, Lori	LA Metro
Lau, Charles	Caltrans, District 7
Lay, Keith	HDR Engineering
Lee, David	Caltrans District 8
Lugaro, Julie	Caltrans District 12
Marroquin, Nancy	LA Metro
Masters, Martha	RCTC
Miranda, Jude	Caltrans District 12
Moran, Nohemi	SBCTA
O'Connor, Karina	EPA Region 9
Odufalu, Femi	Caltrans District 8
Phan, Paul	Caltrans District 8
Richmai, Michael	LA Metro
Sanchez, Lucas	Caltrans Headquarters
Shelley, Scott	Caltrans District 12
Simpson, James	LA Metro
Sun, Lijin	South Coast Air Quality Management
Vaughn, Joseph	FHWA
Whiteaker, Warren	OCTA
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION

Paul Phan, Caltrans District 8, called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1 March 23, 2021 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting summary was approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 RTP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported that modeling and analysis for 2020 Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 were in progress.

4.2 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported that 2021 FTIP and 2021 FTIP Amendment #21-01 were approved by FHWA and FTA earlier this month; acknowledged and thanked CTCs, Caltrans, FHWA, FTA, and EPA staff for their collaboration and assistance on 2021 FTIP; and stated that SCAG staff have started working on 2023 FTIP Guidelines.

In response to a question at the meeting, 2021 FTIP Project Listing is available on SCAG website at <https://scag.ca.gov/2021-adopted-ftip>.

4.3 Request for Questions re. Anticipated Conformity Lockdown post EMFAC2014 Grace Period

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, introduced this item was a follow-up to two Interim Interagency Coordination (IAC) Focus Group meetings held by Caltrans Headquarters for San Joaquin Valley and SCAG region respectively and also in preparation for a joint IAC Focus Group meeting in June regarding anticipated regional transportation conformity lockdown after end of EMFAC2014 grace period on August 15, 2021.

Questions or comments about the anticipated conformity lockdown should be submitted to Karen Calderon, SCAG, at calderon@scag.ca.gov or (213) 236-1983 by May 31, 2021.

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Lucas Sanchez, Caltrans Headquarters, recommended that TCWG review March 17, 2021 Interim IAC SCAG Focus Group Meeting Notes (Attachment 4.3) for more details about region-specific challenges.

Lucas Sanchez provided a brief background of the issue, stating that end of two-year grace period for EMFAC2017 is approaching; On and after August 16, 2021, EMFAC2017 must be used for any new regional emissions analysis.

In response to a question, Karina O' Connor, EPA Region 9, confirmed that EMFAC2014 may be used as long as the emissions analysis has started before end of the grace period.

4.4 EPA Update

Karina O'Connor, EPA Region 9, reported that EPA had started adequacy review process for 2020 post-attainment year transportation conformity budgets from South Coast attainment plan for 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard; Comment period ended on April 16, 2021 and EPA expected to finish adequacy review process within next month; And this should not impact conformity budgets that SCAG uses.

In response to a request, Karina O'Connor reported that last week, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) signed a proposal to withdraw SAFE Vehicles Rule; EPA was also expected to develop an action item to reinstate waiver of Clean Air Act preemption for California's Advanced Clean Car (ACC) program; However, at this point, the rule has not changed, and EPA recommended that agencies continue to apply SAFE Vehicles Rule adjustment factors; EPA would coordinate with Caltrans and CARB to adjust their approach once federal actions have been completed.

Karina O'Connor also reported that two meetings between EPA and ARB legal teams had been scheduled for May 2021 to discuss status of waivers for different California measures in relation to EMFAC 2021 and off-model adjustment factors.

4.5 ARB Update

On behalf of Nesamani Kalandiyur, ARB, Karen Calderon, SCAG, reported that ARB was still working on technical documentation of EMFAC2021, and would be submitting the model to EPA in next two months.

In response to a question, Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, stated that SCAG staff is still evaluating EMFAC2021, but since the model includes most recent ARB regulations,

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it is expected to provide additional emissions reduction; Because EFMAC2021 has not been submitted to EPA and grace period has yet to be established, it is uncertain when EMFAC2021 will be required for new regional emissions analyses.

4.6 Air Districts Update

Lijin Sun, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- Meetings of 2022 AQMP Mobile Source Working Groups had been scheduled for early June, including meetings for Heavy-Duty Trucks, Construction and Industrial Equipment, Ocean-Going Vessels, and Aircraft.
- Residential and Commercial Buildings Working Group Meeting was scheduled for May 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
- 2022 AQMP Advisory Group Meeting was scheduled for May 18, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

None.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am. The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 via teleconference and Zoom meeting only.