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

**April 28, 2015  
Minutes**

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**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:**

Abrishami, Lori	Metro
Acebo, Mervin	RTA
Alvarez, Grace	RCTC
Chung, Jeeseong	Metro
Galvan, Randy	Caltrans, District 8
Louka, Tony	Caltrans, District 8
Mata, Sylvia	Caltrans, District 8
Moe-luna, Lorelle	RCTC
Sherwood, Arnie	UC Berkeley
Walecka, Carla	TCA

**SCAG**

Asuncion, John  
Luo, Rongsheng  
Tran, Daniel  
Zhou, Yanlin

**Via Teleconference:**

Aurasteh, Reza	Caltrans, District 12
Burnam, M. Joza	Entech Consulting Group
Calvert, Ryan	ICF
Castro, Fernando	Caltrans, District 7
Christian, Shalanda	Caltrans Headquarters
Chu, Philip	SANBAG
Cooper, Keith	ICF International
DaSilva, Lisa	RCTC
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Gorski, Ray	RCTC
Hedary, Behar	Caltrans, District 12
Jones, Michelle	Entech Consulting Group
Keel, Steve	RCTC

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Lui, Jason	LSA Associates
Noonan, Sean	Parsons
Sheehy, Erin	OCTA
Sherini, Andrew	RTA
Settle, Jean	TCA
Tadros, Edward	Parsons
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans Headquarters
Tax, Wienke	EPA
Vaughn, Joseph	FHWA
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION**

Tony Louka, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

**3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

3.1 TCWG January 27, 2015 Meeting Minutes  
The meeting minutes were approved.

3.2 TCWG March 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes  
The meeting minutes were approved.

**4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms
- 1) I605LiveOakOffRamp  
It was determined that this is not a POAQC.
  - 2) LA0G086  
It was reaffirmed that this is not a POAQC.
  - 3) ORA111207Memo  
It was reaffirmed that this is not a POAQC.

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- 4) RIV121202  
It was determined that this is not a POAQC.
- 5) 2002160Interchange  
It was determined that this is not a POAQC.
- 6) 2002160Widening  
It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

4.2 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2015 FTIP Amendments #15-01 through #15-05 had received all approvals.
- 2015 FTIP Amendment #15-06 was under public review ending May 4, 2015.
- Project submittals for 2015 FTIP Administrative Modification #15-07 were due to SCAG on April 28, 2015.

4.3 RTP Update

Daniel Tran, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff was performing scenario planning model runs and planned to share initial scenario performance results at next Transportation Working Group meeting on April 30, 2015.
- Scenario performance results would be presented at SCAG's General Assembly to be held on May 7 and May 8, 2015.
- SCAG will be hosting 2016 RTP/SCS workshops throughout SCAG region in May and June. Purpose of the workshops is to solicit input and feedback from public regarding 2016 RTP/SCS and scenarios. Feedback received will help inform selection of a preferred alternative.
- Draft 2016 RTP/SCS is expected to be released in October 2015. Federal approval of Final 2016 RTP/SCS is anticipated in June 2016.
- A micro site for 2016 RTP/SCS was scheduled to be launched on April 30, 2015. More information is available at [www.scagrtpscs.net](http://www.scagrtpscs.net).

In response to a question, Mr. Tran confirmed that FTIP projects included in 2016 RTP/SCS will be amended in 2015 FTIP Amendment #15-10; however, these projects will not be approved until federal approval of 2016 RTP/SCS in June 2016.

4.4 TCM Substitutions

Jeeseong Chung, Metro, presented an overview of technical analysis of Metro's request to substitute four different park-and-ride facility and bike lane projects for

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Long Beach Park and Ride Facility TCM project. Mr. Chung concluded that the technical analysis demonstrates that Metro's TCM substitution meets all requirements; and formal TCM substitution request will be presented at May 2015 TCWG meeting.

Grace Alvarez and Lorelle Moe-luna, RCTC, and Ray Gorski, RCTC Consultant, presented an overview of RCTC's request to substitute a new Express Expansion Bus Project for Hemet and Temecula/Murrieta Transit Centers TCM projects. RCTC presentation concluded that RCTC's TCM substitution request demonstrates meeting TCM substitution requirements.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, clarified that Metro and RCTC TCM substitutions would be released for a 15-day public review and are scheduled to be presented to SCAG's Energy and Environmental Committee (EEC) in early June for recommendation to SCAG's Regional Council for adoption.

Mr. Luo reported that SANBAG's TCM Substitution was adopted by SCAG's Regional Council on April 2, 2015 and subsequently submitted to EPA and ARB for concurrence.

Philip Chu, SANBAG, reported the following in response to two questions from EPA:

- 2023 and 2035 vanpool estimates were based on a 2% monthly growth rate from SANBAG Regional Vanpool Study.
- Upland and Rialto Park and Ride Lot projects were scheduled to be completed by December 2013 and 2015 respectively while new Vanpool Program is proposed to begin in early 2016, pending conclusion of TCM substitution.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, clarified that once TCM substitution process has been concluded, SANBAG will be required to implement and deliver new vanpool program per proposed scope.

4.5 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported the following:

- As discussed in March 2015 TCWG meeting, 1997 8-hour Ozone Standard was revoked on April 6, 2015 and FHWA has been moving forward with conformity analysis since then.

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- A Proposed PM<sub>2.5</sub> Implementation Rule under Subpart 4 was published on March 23, 2015. A public hearing would be held in Washington, DC on April 29, 2015 and public comment period had been extended to May 29, 2015.

4.6 ARB Update

There was no new update.

4.7 Air Districts Update

Jillian Wong, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- In preparation for 2016 AQMP White Papers, SCAQMD held Energy Outlook, VOC Controls, PM Controls, and Off-Road Working Group meetings last month.
- Next Off-Road Working Group meeting would be held on April 29, 2015.
- More information can be found on SCAQMD website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/about/groups-committees/aqmp-advisory-group/2016-aqmp-white-papers>.

**5.0 INFORMATION SHARING**

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, stated that Quantitative PM Hot Spot Analysis for I-15 Express Lane Project was received yesterday but was unable to be forwarded to TCWG before today's TCWG meeting due to technical difficulties; the quantitative analysis would be sent to TCWG for urgent review after meeting.

Keith Cooper, I-15 Express Lane Project Consultant, stated that initial modeling protocol was discussed by TCWG in August 2014.

Lisa DaSilva, RCTC, stated that environmental document for I-15 Express Lane Project is anticipated to be released in June or July 2015, thus TCWG concurrence on the PM hot spot analysis needs to be made within 30 days.

It was agreed that review of the quantitative hot spot analysis will be conducted between TCWG meetings and concurrence will be made as soon as possible.

**6.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.