



TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2021

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
Barajas, Agustin
Calderon, Karen
Ekman, Annaleigh
Luo, Rongsheng
Sankapichai, Mana

Via Teleconference:

Acebo, Mervin
Acosta, Brooke
Aljabiry, Muhaned
Anderson, Kelsie
Arellano, Lexie
Bade, Rabindra
Bagde, Abhijit
Brugger, Ron
Cacatian, Ben
Cheah, Andy
Cooper, Keith
Espinosa Araiza, Erika
H., Kevin
Huddleston, Lori
Kuklarni, Anup
Lay, Keith
Lugaro, Julie
Masters, Martha
Miranda, Jude
Mohai, Amie
Moran, Nohemi
Phan, Paul
Sako, Alan
Sanchez, Lucas
Simmons, Andrew
Simpson, James
Smolke, Brian
Todaro, Ryan
Vaughn, Joseph
Whiteaker, Warren
Yoon, Andrew

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MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Paul Phan, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1. April 27, 2021 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.
- 3.2. May 25, 2021 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
 - **RIV180142:** It was determined that this project is not a POAQC (EPA concurrence received via email before the meeting)
- 4.2. OCTA TCM Substitution Request
Anup Kulkarni, OCTA, presented the following updated TCM substitution request for interagency consultation:
 - OCTA was proposing to substitute three new traffic signal synchronization projects along Portola Parkway, 1st Street/Bolsa Chica Street, and Alton Parkway for six committed TCM projects: Hazard Avenue Bikeway project (FTIP Project ID: ORA170205), 15 Expansion Paratransit Vans (FTIP Project ID: ORA130099), Placentia Metrolink Station (FTIP Project ID: ORA030612), and three Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA) Capital Projects (FTIP Project IDs: 10254, ORA050, & ORA051).
 - Proposed TCM substitution met all requirements including equivalent emissions reduction, similar geographic area, full funding, similar time frame, timely implementation, and legal authority.
 - Emissions analysis followed same methodology previously presented to TCWG in June 2020 and demonstrated that proposed substitute TCMs would yield equivalent emissions reduction for all criteria pollutants in all milestone years.

In response to a question, Rongsheng Luo, SCAG confirmed that all three TCA committed projects are in HOV lane pricing alternative category of TCMs.

Rongsheng Luo added the following next steps:

- SCAG staff would prepare Draft TCM Substitution Report, present the draft report to TCWG for interagency consultation, release the draft report for a 30-day public review, address and incorporate any comments received into proposed final substitution report, bring proposed final substitution report to SCAG's Energy and Environment Committee for recommendation to SCAG's Regional Council for adoption, and submit it to ARB and EPA for their respective concurrence upon Regional Council adoption.
- The entire process was expected to take approximately six months.

4.3. RTP Update

4.3.1. Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS) Amendment #1 Update

Agustin Barajas, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2020 Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 would be presented to SCAG's Regional Council on July 1, 2021, and then released for a 30-day public comment period.
- Other changes included a fiscal impact analysis, a review of compliance with SB 375; a reassessment of



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performance measures including roadway safety, transit safety, and transit asset management; and the reassessment of transportation conformity.

- SCAG would hold a virtual public hearing on July 15, 2021.
- It was expected that the Amendment would be adopted by SCAG's Regional Council in October 2021 and Federal Conformity Determination in December 2021 or January 2022.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, added that EMFAC2014 was used for regional emissions analysis since the analysis started within EMFAC2014 grace period; and transportation conformity analysis would be released as part of Draft Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 for the 30-day public comment period.

4.4. FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2021 FTIP Amendment #21-06 and Administrative Modification #21-07 were in development; both amendments were anticipated to be posted by June 30, 2021.
- 2023 FTIP Guidelines were in development. It was expected that Draft 2023 FTIP Guidelines would be released to federal agencies for their review in July 2021, and taken to SCAG's Transportation Committee and Regional Council in September 2021.

4.5. US EPA Update

Karen Calderon, SCAG, reported the following email update on behalf of Karina O'Connor, US EPA Region 9:

- EPA staff was meeting with management this week to discuss issues related to EMFAC2021 and adjustment factors for EMFAC2017.
- After the meeting, EPA Headquarters staff would need to talk further with EPA's Office of Regional Counsel on those issues before coming back to management again.

4.6. CARB Update

Karen Calderon, SCAG, reported the email update on behalf of Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, that CARB is coordinating with US EPA regarding EMFAC2021 model submission for approval.

In response to a question, Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, stated that SCAG staff would follow up with EPA and ARB staff for details of EMFAC2017 adjustment factors.

4.7. Air District Updates

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported the following:

- VCAPCD staff were continuing to develop Ventura County 2022 AQMP.
- A new Emissions Supervisor had been hired.
- VCAPCD staff looked forward to working with SCAG staff on TCM updates, transportation conformity, and TCM RACM process so that efforts could be coordinated and consistent between SCAQMD and VCAPCD.

In response to a question, Ben stated that Draft Ventura County 2022 AQMP would be developed by February 2022 and detailed AQMP development schedule would be shared at a future meeting.

5. INFORMATION SHARING

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m. The next meeting of the TCWG will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 via teleconference and Zoom meeting only.