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

**June 23, 2015
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 at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.

In Attendance:

Abrishami, Lori	Metro
Chandan, Meenu	Caltrans District 8
Jaffery, Edison	Caltrans District 8
Louka, Tony	Caltrans District 8
Morris, Michael	FHWA
Sherwood, Arnie	UC Berkeley

SCAG

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

Via Teleconference:

Cheng, Jack	SCAQMD
Choi, Yoojoong	Caltrans Headquarters
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans District 11
Philips, Heather	ARB
O'Connor, Karina	EPA Region 9
Tisopulos, Tara	OCTA
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans Headquarters
Tax, Wienke	EPA Region 9
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans District 7

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION

Tony Louka, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Mr. Louka announced that today's TCWG meeting would be his last as current term TCWG Chair, and he thanked SCAG staff for their assistance.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, acknowledged Mr. Louka for his strong leadership and significant contribution to TCWG as the longest single-term TCWG Chair. Mr. Luo also thanked Mr. Louka for bringing his staff to SCAG downtown Los Angeles office to actively participate and engage in monthly TCWG meetings to help move important transportation projects forward.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 TCWG April 28, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

3.2 TCWG May 26, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2015 FTIP Amendments #15-09 was under SCAG review and expected to be released for public review by June 29, 2015.
- Project submittals for next 2015 FTIP Administrative Modification #15-11 would be due June 30, 2015.

4.2 RTP Update

Daniel Tran, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG modeling staff was in process of coding transportation networks for Draft 2016 RTP/SCS.
- SCAG had hosted 15 RTP/SCS Open House Workshops to date to solicit public input on Draft 2016 RTP/SCS. Workshop materials and on-line survey had been posted on SCAG's micro website at www.scagrtpscs.net.

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4.3 Update on Metro, RCTC, and SANBAG TCM Substitutions

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported that Metro, RCTC, and SANBAG TCM substitutions were adopted by SCAG's Regional Council on June 4, 2015 and have been subsequently submitted to ARB and EPA for review.

4.4 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported the following:

- Because July 20 was reestablished as attainment date for 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS due to a previous court ruling, Marginal nonattainment areas that would not attain the ozone standard by July 20, 2015 would be bumped up to Moderate classification nationwide.
- EPA planned to quickly issue a proposed rule to reclassify these Marginal nonattainment areas after July 20, 2015, and the proposed rule was expected to be finalized end of 2015 or early 2016.
- In SCAG region, only Imperial County ozone nonattainment area will be impacted with July 20, 2018 as new attainment date.

In response to a question, Ms. Tax, EPA Region 9, clarified that an attainment demonstration and associated planning requirements are not required in a Marginal ozone nonattainment area but are required in a Moderate nonattainment area. Karina O'Connor, EPA Region 9, clarified that conformity determination will need to be made for 2017 for modeling purposes for Imperial County ozone nonattainment area as a result.

In response to a question, Ms. O'Connor clarified that upcoming revision to EPA's guidance on quantitative PM hot spot analysis will only impact PM₁₀, not PM_{2.5}.

4.5 ARB Update

Heather Phillips, ARB, reported that ARB had received from all affected air districts letters of intent to withdraw outdated transportation conformity SIPs and will submit these letters as a package to EPA within next couple weeks.

In response to a question, Ms. O'Connor stated that EPA had received EMFAC2014 submittal from ARB; was reviewing technical guidance and ARB's request for an 18-month grace period; and tried to issue a notice on EMFAC2014 in summer 2015.

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4.6 Air Districts Update

Jack Cheng, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- SCAQMD completed two-day Control Strategy Symposium to discuss mobile, stationary, area, and indirect source strategies. Symposium presentation materials had been posted on SCAQMD website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/meeting-agendas-minutes/agenda?title=2016-aqmp-control-strategy-symposium-june-10-11-2015>
- Five Draft 2016 AQMP White Papers had been completed to date. For information about White Papers, visit SCAQMD website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/about/groups-committees/aqmp-advisory-group/2016-aqmp-white-papers>.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

None.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.