



TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

July 27, 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
Amatya, Naresh
Barajas, Agustin
Calderon, Karen
Ekman, Annaleigh
Gutierrez, Pablo
Luo, Rongsheng
Milner, David
Sangkapichai, Mana

Via Teleconference:

Acebo, Mervin
Aljabiry, Muhaned
Anderson, Kelsie
Arellano, Lexie
Bagde, Abhijit
Bade, Rabindra
Brugger, Ron
Cacatian, Ben
Cooper, Keith
Espinoza Araiza, Erika
Gaschot, Bertrand
Huddleston, Lori
H., Kevin
Kalandiyur, Nesamani
Lee, David
Lugaro, Julie
Masters, Martha
McFall, Valarie
Miranda, Jude
Moran, Nohemi
O'Connor, Karina
Odufalu, Femi
Phan, Paul
Richmai, Michael
Sanchez, Lucas
Tavitas, Rodney
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. May 25, 2021 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.
- 3.2. June 22, 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
 - **LALS06:** It was determined that this project is not a Project of Air Quality Concern.
- 4.2. Review of Conformity Exemption Request
 - **ORA001103:** Collision data is required for conformity exemption determination based on safety justification. Project lead agency would update conformity exemption form with required collision data and resubmit for TCWG review.
- 4.3. RTP Update
 - 4.3.1. Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS) Amendment #1 Update
Agustin Barajas, SCAG, reported the following:
 - Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 was presented to SCAG's Regional Council on July 1, 2021 and subsequently released for a 30-day comment period ending July 31st.
 - It was expected that the Amendment would be adopted by SCAG's Regional Council in November 2021 and receive final Federal Conformity Determination in January 2022.
 - 4.3.2. Concurrent 2021 FTIP Modeling Amendment/2023 FTIP/Connect SoCal Consistency Amendment #2 Update
Pablo Gutierrez, SCAG, reported the following:
 - SCAG initiated concurrent 2021 FTIP Modeling Amendment/2023 FTIP/Connect SoCal Consistency Amendment #2 to account for critical near-term capacity projects that would otherwise be included in regular 2023 FTIP.
 - SCAG received 104 projects with modeling changes (16 completion date changes, 30 scope changes, and 14 new projects).
 - Attachment 4.3.2 Memo includes tentative schedules of concurrent 2021 FTIP Modeling Amendment/2023 FTIP/Connect SoCal Consistency Amendment #2 under two scenarios with and without EMFAC2017 adjustments available by June 2022.

Mana Sangkapichai, SCAG, reported the following:

 - SCAG staff was updating transportation networks for regional travel demand model runs based on modeling changes received from county transportation commissions by July 1.
 - SCAG staff expected to complete all 14 regional travel demand model runs and start EMFAC2014 model runs by August 15, 2021.
 - Entire regional emissions analysis (120+ EMFAC2014 model runs) was anticipated to be completed by September 30, 2021.



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In response to a question, Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, clarified that all travel demand model runs for concurrent 2021 FTIP Modeling Amendment/2023 FTIP/Connect SoCal Consistency Amendment #2 would be completed prior to end of EMFAC2014 grace period, and no further modeling changes would be made for non-exempt projects after EMFAC2014 grace period unless EMFAC2017 adjustment factors become available.

Karina O'Connor, US EPA Region 9, confirmed that use of EMFAC2014 was appropriate for concurrent 2021 FTIP Modeling Amendment/2023 FTIP/Connect SoCal Consistency Amendment #2 as presented by SCAG staff.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, acknowledged all involved agencies particularly Caltrans Headquarters, ARB, and EPA for their proactive effort to address EMFAC2017 issues and reduce impact on regional transportation plans, programs, and projects in SCAG region.

4.4. FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2021 FTIP Administrative Modification #21-08 was expected to be completed by early week of August 2, 2021.
- 2023 FTIP guidelines were in development and SCAG staff would meet with CTCs to take comments and would also share with Caltrans.
- Major changes within 2023 FTIP guidelines would be presented at August or September 2021 TCWG meeting.

4.5. US EPA Update

Karina O'Connor, US EPA Region 9, reported that EPA was working with ARB on EMFAC2021 and adjustment factors for EMFAC2017 and expected to share more updates at August 2021 TCWG meeting.

4.6. CARB Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, reported the following:

- ARB was working on developing EMFAC2017 adjustment factors and EMFAC2021 for submittal to US EPA for approval, anticipated in early 2022.
- ARB was working on transportation conformity budgets development for South Coast PM_{2.5} Maintenance Plan and expected to present final conformity budgets at August 2021 TCWG meeting.

4.7. Air District Updates

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported the following:

- VCAPCD was working on 2022 AQMP/SIP update for 2015 8-hour ozone standard (due to US EPA August 2022).
- Preliminary draft of 2022 AQMP was expected to be completed by November 2021 and final draft by February 2022.
- VCAPCD staff would work with SCAG staff to ensure consistency with South Coast 2022 AQMP TCM RACM process.

5. INFORMATION SHARING

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m. The next TCWG meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 via teleconference and Zoom meeting only.