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

**July 28, 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
Morris, Michael	FHWA
Sherwood, Arnie	UC Berkeley

SCAG

Asuncion, John
Au, Anita
Luo, Rongsheng
Tran, Daniel

Via Teleconference:

Aurasteh, Reza	Caltrans District 12
Behtash, Arman	Caltrans District 12
Castro, Fernando	Caltrans District 7
Chen, Jack	SCAQMD
Choi, Yoojoong	Caltrans Headquarters
Chu, Philip	SANBAG
DeHate, Eric	RCTC
Ferguson, Nancy	Alton Group
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans District 11
Hawington, Ashton	ICAPCD
Hudson, Kerrie	Caltrans District 8
Krause, Michael	SCAQMD
Lay, Keith	LSA Associates
Louka, Tony	Caltrans District 8
O'Connor, Karina	EPA Region 9
Odufalu, Olufemi	Caltrans District 8
Philips, Heather	ARB
Tisopulos, Tara	OCTA
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans Headquarters
Tax, Wienke	EPA Region 9
Vaughn, Joseph	FHWA
Wilson, Kate	Kunzman Associate
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, 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 April 28, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved.

3.2 TCWG May 26, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved.

3.2 TCWG June 23, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms TCWG Discussion

1) **LA0G949Rev**

It was reaffirmed that this is not a POAQC.

2) **RIV151001**

It was determined that this is not POAQC (Updated truck volumes on Highway 111 were provided after the meeting).

3) **RIV111202**

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

4.2 Review of PM Hot Spot Qualitative/Quantitative Analyses

1) **ORA100511Memo**

It was reaffirmed that the analysis remains acceptable for NEPA circulation with the revised traffic volumes.

2) **18790SR-710Protocol**

Andrew Yoon, Caltrans District 7, presented an overview of the modeling protocol. TCWG discussed but needs additional review time and will provide comments after meeting.

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4.3 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- All 2015 FTIP Amendments have been approved except Amendment #15-09 which has received state approval and was under federal review for approval.
- Draft 2017 FTIP Guidelines is scheduled to be presented to TCWG in August 2015.

4.4 RTP Update

Daniel Tran, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff has concluded a series of 22 RTP/SCS public workshops throughout SCAG region. Valuable feedbacks have been received from stakeholders, partner agencies, and the public. Feedbacks received will be incorporated into upcoming RTP/SCS.
- SCAG staff continues modeling and is drafting content for Draft 2016 RTP/SCS.

In response to a question, Mr. Tran clarified that 2016 RTP/SCS will first go to SCAG's Regional Council for adoption and then go to FHWA for approval; federal approval is still anticipated to be in June 2016; and additional public hearings will take place concurrently with public release of the Draft 2016 RTP/SCS.

4.5 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported that the EPA proposed reclassification of Marginal ozone nonattainment areas under 2008 8-hour ozone standard is anticipated to be completed in August 2015; and Imperial County is the only area to be reclassified from Marginal to Moderate in SCAG region under the proposed rule.

Karina O'Connor, EPA Region 9, reported the following:

- EPA can move forward with concurrence on San Bernardino County Associated Governments (SANBAG) TCM substitution first or together with Metro and Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) TCM substitutions if missing technical information for the latter two TCM substitutions would be submitted in time.
- EMFAC2014 is anticipated to be approved in Fall 2015, and EPA would work with FHWA to develop a grace period for the new model.
- An emission analysis that starts before or during the grace period has flexibility of using either EMFAC2011 or EMFAC2014; however, NEPA project level analyses are encouraged to use EMFAC2014 due to lengthy review process.

4.6 ARB Update

Heather Phillips, ARB, reported that all State Implementation Plan (SIP) activities are on schedule including those for South Coast.

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4.7 Air District Update

Michael Krause, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- The last 2016 South Coast AQMP Advisory Group meeting was held on July 21, 2015.
- SCAQMD would submit a formal request to EPA for reclassifying South Coast Air Basin from Moderate to Serious nonattainment under 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} national standard. The reclassification would extend attainment year.
- Originally designed to address 2008 8-hour Ozone and 2012 Annual PM_{2.5} national standards, 2016 South Coast AQMP will also include a new attainment demonstration for 2006 24 hour PM 2.5 standard as a result of the reclassification.
- With base year 2012 emission inventory almost complete, SCAQMD is moving forward with incorporating interim growth factors from SCAG for future year emission inventory.
- Eight of ten Draft 2016 AQMP White Papers have been released and are available online. At least eight Final Draft White Papers are anticipated to be presented to AQMP Advisory Group in September 2015.
- SCAQMD staff plans to discuss control measure concepts at next AQMP Advisory Group meeting on August 26, 2015.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following on behalf of Monica Soucier, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD):

- ICAPCD has already started the preliminary data analysis for both 2008 8-hour Ozone and 2012 Annual PM_{2.5} standards.
- Primary focus of the data analysis is on the Annual PM_{2.5} standard as its SIP will be due before the Ozone SIP.
- Attainment demonstration has already commenced with ARB taking the lead in the analysis.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

None.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.