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

**August 27, 2019
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

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| Huddleston, Lori | Metro |
| Mejia, James | SBCTA |

SCAG

Asuncion, John
Calderon, Karen
Luo, Rongsheng
Sangkapichai, Mana

Via Teleconference

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| Acosta, Brooke | IBI |
| Brugger, Ron | LSA |
| Cacatian, Ben | VCAPCD |
| Cheung, Tim | PSOMAS |
| Gallo, Ilene | Caltrans, District 11 |
| Hall, Kara | Fehr & Peers |
| Kalandiyur, Nesamani | ARB |
| Mahadev, Shudeish | Parsons |
| Sun, Lijin | SCAQMD |
| Tavitas, Rodney | Caltrans Headquarters |
| Tax, Wienke | EPA Region 9 |
| Vaughn, Joseph | FHWA |
| Verano, Jerusalem | Michael Baker International |
| Whitaker, Warren | OCTA |
| Wong, Jillian | SCAQMD |
| 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 on behalf of TCWG Chair, James Mejia. Subsequently, Mr. Mejia chaired the meeting.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1. June 25, 2019 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

3.2. July 23, 2019 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) Lincoln Boulevard

It was determined that this project is not a POAQC (EPA concurrence received after the meeting).

2) RIV071254

It was reaffirmed that this project is not a POAQC (EPA concurrence received after the meeting).

4.2 RTP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff continued to work hard on developing Connect SoCal.
- Draft Connect SoCal Plan was still on target for public release in November 2019.

4.3 FTIP Update

Mr. Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2019 FTIP Administrative Modification #19-11 was anticipated to be completed by August 30, 2019.
- 2021 FTIP Guidelines were going to be presented to SCAG Transportation Committee for approval in September 2019.

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4.4 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported the following:

- On August 27, 2019, EPA published a Federal Register notice proposing state implementation plan (SIP) requirements for Coachella Valley as a result of its reclassification as an “Extreme” nonattainment area under 1997 8-hour ozone standards. The SIP would be required to be submitted to EAP by July 10, 2020 (12 months from effective date of reclassification).
- On August 15, 2019, EPA published a Federal Register notice announcing availability of EMFAC2017 with a 1-year grace period for CO and PM hot-spot analyses until August 17, 2020 and a 2-year grace period for regional emissions analyses until August 17, 2021.

In response to questions, Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, stated that she hoped to give an update on SAFE Vehicles Rule at September 2019 TCWG meeting; and it would be reasonable to request guidance from EPA regarding transportation conformity implications of final SAFE Vehicles Rule upon publication.

4.5 ARB Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur, ARB, reported the following:

- EMFAC2017 model and default activity data were available for download on ARB website.
- ARB was working on next version of EMFAC model and there would be a public workshop in October 2019. Notice of public workshop would be forwarded for distribution.

In response to a question, Nesamani Kalandiyur, ARB, stated that ARB was not making any changes or update to EMFAC2017 due to many uncertainties because SAFE Vehicles Rule had not been finalized.

4.6 Air Districts Update

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported that Dr. Laki Tisopulos, Deputy Executive Officer of SCAQMD, would become new Executive Officer of VCAPCD on September 3, 2019.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, noted that he received an email from Lijin Sun, SCAQMD, but there was no items related to transportation conformity.

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5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

Rodney Tavitas, Caltrans Headquarters, announced the following:

- Introduction to Transportation Conformity Training will take place January 6-8, 2020 in San Diego and he will forward registration information once it is available.
- He was compiling and requesting questions for discussion with FHWA, FTA, and EPA after SAFE Vehicles Rule has been finalized.
- Alexis Arellano was a new Caltrans staff responsible for quality assurance for environmental documents as well as a staff backup for Statewide Conformity Working Group.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, introduced and welcomed Karen Calderon as a new SCAG staff who will, among other responsibilities, provide staff support to SCAG's Air Quality and Conformity Program including TCWG.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am. The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at the SCAG main office in downtown Los Angeles.