



TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

September 28, 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
Calderon, Karen
Luo, Rongsheng
Martinez, Jennifer
Sangkapichai, Mana

Via Teleconference:

Arellano, Lexie
Bade, Rabindra
Blanco, Stephanie
Cacatian, Ben
Chan, Jenny
Cooper, Keith
Corpuz, Monica
Espinoza Araiza, Erika
Hager, Mark
Hendrawan, Kevin
Huddleston, Lori
Lay, Keith
Lugaro, Julie
Lau, Charles
Lugaro, Julie
Miranda, Jude
Moran, Nohemi
O'Connor, Karina
Pack, Jason
Phan, Paul
Richmai, Michael
Simpson, James
Smith, Brian
Sun, Lijin
Tamayo, Mae
Tavitas, Rodney
Thomas, David
Vaughn, Joseph
Whiteaker, Warren
Yoon, Andrew
Zhao, Jiaqi
Zhou, Diwu

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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. June 22, 2021 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.
- 3.2. July 27, 2021 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.
- 3.3. August 24, 2021 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were deferred to October TCWG Meeting.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 4.1. Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms
 - **RIV170901:** It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.
- 4.2. Review of Conformity Exemption Request
 - **RCTC I-15 Interim Corridor Operations Project (ICOP) (0.84 mile of auxiliary lane):** It was determined that this project is an exempt project.
- 4.3. RTP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported that Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 was scheduled to be reviewed by SCAG's Transportation Committee in October 2021, and expected to be adopted by SCAG's Regional Council in November 2021 and receive final Federal Conformity Determination in January 2022.

 - 4.3.1. Concurrent 2021 FTIP Modeling Amendment/2023 FTIP/Connect SoCal Consistency Amendment #2 Modeling Status Update

Mana Sangkapichai, SCAG, reported that the full regional emissions analysis was anticipated to be completed by mid-October 2021 due to prioritized testing of EMFAC2017 Off-Model Adjustment Factors and EMFAC2021.

In response to a question, Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, clarified that the types of project changes allowed in Connect SoCal Consistency Amendment #2 would depend on the timing and availability of EMFAC2017 Off-Model Adjustment Factors and EMFAC2021 to fully address EMFAC2017 issues; No additional modeling project changes would be accepted for the time being beyond those received from CTCs by July 1, 2021.
- 4.4. FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported that the 2023 FTIP Guidelines were approved by SCAG's Transportation Committee in September 2021 and were expected to be approved by SCAG's Regional Council in October 2021. The deadline for the CTCs' 2023 FTIP project submittals to SCAG was set for early January 2022.
- 4.5. US EPA Update

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

 - EPA received and started to review EMFAC2021 and off-model adjustment factors for EMFAC2017 submittals from CARB in August 2021. However, EPA would not be able to approve these submittals until CARB has submitted the waiver request for the applicable control measures.
 - EPA would be coordinating with FHWA and FTA on the grace period associated with EMFAC2021.



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- Adequacy finding was expected to be signed for the 2020 post-attainment year transportation conformity budgets from the South Coast AQMD attainment plan for the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard by October 2021.
- EPA would make a correction on the transportation conformity budgets in the final Federal Register notice for the Western Mojave Desert Ozone Plan.

4.6. CARB Update

Kevin Hendrawan, CARB, reported that EMFAC2021 and off-model adjustment factors for EMFAC2017 were submitted to EPA in August 2021, and CARB staff was continuing to work with EPA staff to answer technical questions and provide waiver related information.

4.7. Air District Updates

Lijin Sun, South Coast AQMD, reported that based on latest inventory and preliminary modeling, South Coast AQMD staff expected to have the preliminary carrying capacity available for attainment demonstration by October 2021, which would likely confirm that significant NOx emissions reductions would be needed to attain the 2015 8-hour Ozone Standards in South Coast Air Basin by 2037 and in Coachella Valley Air Basin by 2033.

5. INFORMATION SHARING

Rodney Tavitias, Caltrans Headquarters, shared that the next Statewide Conformity Working Group Meeting would be held in November 2021.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m. The next TCWG meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 via teleconference and Zoom meeting only.