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

**May 27, 2014  
Minutes**

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**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
Pham, Hoang	Caltrans, District 8
Sherwood, Arnie	TCA

**SCAG**

Asuncion, John  
Lee, Maria  
Luo, Rongsheng

**Via Teleconference:**

Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
DeHate, Eric	RCTC
Ejlalmaneshan, Susan	Caltrans Headquarters
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Lay, Keith	LSA Associates
MacMillan, Ian	SCAQMD
Mortenson, Marilee	Caltrans Headquarters
O'Connor, Karina	EPA, Region 9
Sheehy, Erin	OCTA
Sonnenberg, Stew	FHWA
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans Headquarters
Torres, Eddie	RBF Consulting
Walecka, Carla	TCA
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7

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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION**

Tony Louka, Caltrans District 8, 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 March 25, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

3.2 TCWG April 22, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

**4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) 18790

TCWG discussed, provided comments, and requested additional information. Project lead would provide the requested information and revise the analysis to address TCWG comments.

2) LA0G451

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

3) RIV030901

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

4) RIV031202

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

4.2 Review of PM Hot Spot Quantitative Analysis

1C0404/LA962212/LA0G665/SB20061702

Andrew Yoon, Caltrans, District 7, presented a summary of revisions to the quantitative analysis in response to comments received from TCWG. EPA and FHWA would undertake further review and provide any additional comments before the next TCWG meeting.

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4.3 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff would complete the Draft 2015 FTIP document soon.
- On June 5, 2014, SCAG staff would request SCAG's Transportation Committee to approve the release of the Draft 2015 FTIP for public review in July 2014; Adoption of the Draft 2015 FTIP by SCAG's Regional Council is scheduled to be in September 2014; and the federal approval of the 2015 FTIP is anticipated in mid-December 2014.
- 2013 FTIP Amendments #13-1 through #13-18 had received all necessary approvals.
- SCAG was reviewing and analyzing 2013 FTIP Amendment #13-19 and planned to post the Amendment for a 10-day public review by May 30, 2014.

4.4 RTP Update

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following on behalf of Ryan Kuo, SCAG:

- The County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) had requested time sensitive changes to several projects that require amendment to the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS. The majority of these project changes occur to short range projects that can be found in the 2015 FTIP document. As a result, SCAG staff has been working with the CTCs to develop Amendment #2 to the RTP/SCS concurrently with the 2015 FTIP.
- The same model runs and conformity analysis will be performed and used for both the RTP/SCS Amendment No. 2 and the Draft 2015 FTIP.
- The Draft RTP/SCS Amendment #2 was expected to be released for public review in July 2014 concurrently with the Draft 2015 FTIP; and adopted by SCAG's Regional Council in September 2014.

4.5 EPA Update

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

- On May 23, 2014, the Federal Register published EPA's Proposed Approval of the South Coast 1-hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration, the South Coast 1-hour and 8-hour VMT Offset Demonstrations, and the Interim Final Determination to Defer Sanctions associated with prior disapproval of the VMT offset demonstrations. The comment period on the proposed rules would end on June 23, 2014. Per a settlement agreement, the deadline for EPA to finalize these actions is August 13, 2014.
- EPA had provided comments to Caltrans regarding CT-EMFAC.
- The updated AERMOD, AERMET, and AERPLOT are posted on EPA's website. Changes incorporated in the new models are discussed in the Model Change Bulletin.

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4.6 ARB Update  
There was no new update.

4.7 Air Districts Update  
There was no new update.

Ian MacMillan, SCAQMD, requested an information update regarding the Metro ExpressLanes pilot demonstration project.

**5.0 INFORMATION SHARING**  
There was no information sharing.

**6.0 ADJOURNMENT**  
The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.