



TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was held via Zoom, teleconference, and in person. A digital recording of the meeting is available upon request.

Attendee List

SCAG Staff:

Banuelos, Ryan
Barajas, Agustin
Calderon, Karen
Guitierrez, Pablo
Sangkapichai, Mana
Sun, Lijin

Via Zoom and Teleconference:

Acebo, Mervin
Bade, Rabindra
Becha, Karishma
Calvert, Brian
Caraig Jr., Ricardo
Cooper, Keith
Dorantes, Michael
Eaton, Maurice
Emery, Edward
Garfio, Angel
Gaschot, Bertrand
Getachew, Eleni
Gupta, Hina
Haigh, Patricia
Hendrawan, Kevin
Hernandez Rios, Kevin
Hynes, Michael
Kang, Peter
Kalandiyur, Nesamani
Kaya, Garrett
Kim, Jeff
Kriste, Lourdes
Kung, Angie
Lay, Keith
Lee, David
Lising, Ronnel
Lods, Barbara
Marroquin, Nancy
Masters, Martha
Moran, Nohemi
Morris, Michael
Nolen, Ben
Nord, Greg
Odufalu, Olufemi
Puentes, Noe
Rogozen, Michael
Slater, Jessica
Slavick, Michael
Smethurst, Christopher

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ERP
EPA Region 9
Caltrans District 11
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OCTA
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UltraSystems Environmental Inc.
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CARB
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HDR
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City of Fontana
LA Metro
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Vaca, Erika
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MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Karen Calderon, SCAG, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1. July 22, 2025 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. Reviews of PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms

- **Attachment 4.1-1: 20190104 Clean; 20190104 Tracked:** The TCWG requested additional traffic data. No determination was made at the meeting.
- **Attachment 4.1-2: LA9918955:** It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.
- **Attachment 4.1-3: SBD990215:** It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.

4.2. RTP Update

Agustin Barajas, SCAG, reported the following:

- The next opportunity for updates to RTP projects would be through Amendment 2 to Connect SoCal 2024.
- Amendment 2 would be conducted in conjunction with the 2027 FTIP, but each would have separate submission dates. RTP project input would be due to SCAG in early December 2025. FTIP project input would be due to SCAG in early January 2026.
- Adoption and approval of the 2027 FTIP and concurrent Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 would be contingent on a resolution to the statewide conformity lockdown.

4.3. FTIP Update

Agustin Barajas, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2025 FTIP Amendment #25-12 was approved on August 19, 2025, by FHWA and FTA.
- 2025 FTIP Administrative Modification #25-13 was anticipated to be SCAG approved on August 26, 2025.
- Upcoming opportunities for project updates in the 2025 FTIP would be Administrative Modification #25-14 due to SCAG before September 9, 2025 and Amendment #25-15 due to SCAG on September 16, 2025.

4.4. U.S. EPA Update

Michael Dorantes, U.S. EPA, reported the following:

- On July 24, 2025, the U.S. EPA published an interim final determination (IFD) to defer the imposition of highway sanctions and stay the imposition of 2-to-1 offset sanction that were triggered by the U.S. EPA's limited disapproval of Mojave Desert AQMD New Source Review (NSR) rules in 2023.
- The IFD was based on the U.S. EPA's associated proposed conditional approval of the Mojave Desert AQMD's commitment to correct deficiencies concerning the NSR rules.
- The deferral and stay of sanctions were effective immediately upon publication of the IFD.
- On August 26, 2025, the U.S. EPA proposed to either partially approve and partially disapprove the Heavy-Duty Inspection and Maintenance (HD I/M) Program, also known as the Clean Truck Check, or to fully approve the HD I/M Program. A 30-day public comment period was open through September 25, 2025.



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4.5. CARB Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, reported the following:

- CARB staff was developing adjustment factors for EMFAC2021 in response to federal rescission of two of the state's Clean Air Act waivers, namely the Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Omnibus Low NOx and Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) regulations.
- CARB staff anticipated a timeline of up to four months to develop the adjustment factors, after which they would be submitted to the U.S. EPA for approval.

In response to a question, Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, noted that Advanced Clean Cars (ACC) II and Advanced Clean Fleet (ACF) regulations would not be included in the adjustment factors development because emissions reduction benefits from these two regulations were not included in EMFAC2021. Additionally, the adjustment factors would not consider impacts from the U.S. EPA's recent proposed action related to the HD I/M Program (see Item 4.4) until the U.S. EPA's action was finalized. CARB staff was reviewing to determine the potential impact of the proposed action on SIPs, if any.

4.6. Air Districts Updates

4.6.1. Ventura County APCD Update

No representative was present to provide updates.

4.6.2. South Coast AQMD Update

No representative was present to provide updates.

4.6.3. Mojave Desert AQMD Update

Bertrand Gaschot, Mojave Desert AQMD, reported no updates.

4.6.3.1. Status Update on the Mojave Desert AQMD Litigation against U.S. EPA

Bertrand Gaschot, Mojave Desert AQMD, reported the following:

- U.S. EPA published an IFD to defer the imposition of highway sanction (see Item 4.4 for additional details), which effectively ended Mojave Desert AQMD's lawsuits against U.S. EPA.
- Upon U.S. EPA's final approval of their commitment letter to fix one more provision of the NSR rule the Mojave Desert AQMD would have 12 months to develop, approve, and submit the corrective action to EPA through CARB.

4.6.4. Antelope Valley AQMD Update

Barbara Lods, Antelope Valley AQMD, reported the following:

- Antelope Valley AQMD had submitted their NSR rules pending CARB and EPA determinations.

4.6.5. Imperial County APCD Update

No representative was present to provide updates.

5. INFORMATION SHARING

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next TCWG meeting would be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 in-person, via Zoom, and by teleconference. PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms were due to Karen Calderon, calderon@scag.ca.gov, by Tuesday, September 9, 2025.