TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

Attendee List

SCAG Staff:	***Via Zoom and Teleconference:***	
Banuelos, Ryan	*Acebo, Mervin*	*FTA Region 9*
Barajas, Agustin	*Alvarez, George*	*City of San Juan Capistrano*
Calderon, Karen	*Bade, Rabindra*	*Caltrans District 12*
Gutierrez, Pablo	*Becha, Karishma*	*Caltrans Headquarters*
McAlpine, Shannon	*Dorantes, Michael*	*U.S. EPA Region 9*
Northfield, Shea	*Emery, Edward*	*RCTC*
Sun, Lijin	*Ferris, Justin*	*Mojave Desert AQMD*
Whitaker, Warren	*Galbreath, Holly*	*Ventura County APCD*
	Garfio, Angel	*OCTA*
	Geier, Eric	*Trifiletti Consulting*
	Huddleston, Lori	*LA Metro*
	Huynh, Derek	*Imperial County APCD*
	Kalandiyur, Nesamani	*CARB*
	Kennedy, Michael	*Fehr & Peers*
	Kozar, Kyle	*City of Santa Monica*
	Lising, Ronnel	*Caltrans District 12*
	Marroquin, Nancy	*LA Metro*
	Masters, Martha	*RCTC*
	Morris, Michael	*FHWA*
	Nord, Greg	*TCWG Chair (OCTA)*
	Ojeda, Alexandria	*SBCTA*
	Sheridan, Georgia	*LA Metro*
	Silverman, Sam	*Terry A. Hayes Associates*
	Slavick, Michael	*ECORP Consulting Inc.*
	Sutherland, Anders	*Terry A. Hayes Associates*
	Tavitas, Rodney	*Caltrans Headquarters*
	Tonkovich, Greg	*Vista Environmental*
	Trifiletti, Lisa	*City of Inglewood*
	Tso, Kristin	*OCTA*
	Ungureanu, Cristina	*LA Metro*
	Vaca, Erika	*Caltrans Headquarters*
	Wong, Alison	*Caltrans District 7*
	Young, Jackie	*Mark Thomas*
	Zumwalt, Michelle	*Mojave Desert AQMD*
	Zuniga, Mario	*U.S. EPA Region 9*

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MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER

Greg Nord, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1. September 22, 2026 TCWG Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved. Following review of the supplemental information provided, the TCWG determined via email concurrence that Attachment 4.1-2 RIV150901A was not a project of air quality concern. The September 22, 2026 TCWG Meeting Minutes were revised to reflect the determination. The revised minutes would be brought back to the TCWG for reapproval at the December 1, 2026 meeting.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. Review of PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms

- **Attachment 4.1-1 ORA250302:** It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.
- **Attachment 4.1-2 LA0G632:** It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.
- **Attachment 4.1-3 Inglewood Transit Corridor (ITC) Phase 1:** It was determined that this project is not regionally significant and transportation conformity does not apply.
- **Attachment 4.1-4 Westside Quick-Build Bus Project Santa Monica Blvd:** It was determined that this project is not regionally significant and transportation conformity does not apply.

  For future reference, U.S. EPA staff noted that projects determined to be not regionally significant and not receiving federal funding or federal action are not subject to transportation conformity requirements.

  U.S. EPA staff also clarified that concurrence for Attachments 4.1-3 and 4.1-4 applied only to the projects as presented and did not apply to the projects with FTIP IDs referenced in the original forms. The forms were corrected and webposted after the meeting: https://scag.ca.gov/project-level-conformity

4.2. RTP Update

Shannon McAlpine, SCAG, reported the following:

- The project input period for County Transportation Commissions to submit updated project lists for Connect SoCal 2050 opened on August 31, 2026.
- All project inputs were due to SCAG by November 6, 2026.

4.3. FTIP Update

Shannon McAlpine, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2025 FTIP Amendment #25-34 was under a 10-day public review period through October 29, 2026.
- 2025 FTIP Administrative Modification #25-35 was finalized for uploading to CTIPS.
- Public review for 2027 FTIP Amendment #27-01 closed on October 22, 2026. One technical comment was received that did not affect the transportation conformity.
- 2027 FTIP Administrative Modification #27-02 was under analysis and would be uploaded to CTIPS following federal approval of 2027 FTIP Amendment #27-01.

4.4. U.S. EPA Update

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

- On October 2, 2026, U.S. EPA issued nationwide 120-day letters regarding the 2024 annual PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards designation process.
- The intended designation approach was based on 2023-2025 PM2.5 ambient air quality monitoring data.
- California received a 120-day letter regarding the proposed designations.
- Final designations were scheduled to be promulgated by February 6, 2027.
- Related litigation concerning the promulgation and associated deadline remained pending.
- A Notice of Availability was published in the Federal Register (91 FR 20468) to solicit public comments on the proposed designation approach by November 5, 2026: https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/10/06/2026-20468/initial-air-quality-designations-for-the-2024-revised-primary-annual-fine-particle-pm25-national

4.5. CARB Update

No CARB representative was present to provide updates.

4.6. Air Districts Updates

4.6.1. Ventura County APCD Update

Holly Galbreath, Ventura County APCD, reported no update.

4.6.2. South Coast AQMD Update

No representative was present to provide updates.

4.6.3. Mojave Desert AQMD Update

Michelle Zumwalt, Mojave Desert AQMD, reported no updates.

4.6.4. Antelope Valley AQMD Update

No representative was present to provide updates.

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, December 1, 2026 via Zoom, teleconference, and in person. PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms were due to Karen Calderon, via email at calderon@scag.ca.gov, by Tuesday, November 17, 2026.