



TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

August 25, 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:

Banuelos, Ryan
Gutierrez, Pablo
McAlpine, Shannon
Sangkapichai, Mana
Sun, Lijin
Whiteaker, Warren

Via Zoom and Teleconference:

Bade, Rabindra	Caltrans District 12
Caraig, Ricardo	Caltrans District 12
Dorantes, Michael	EPA Region 9
Emery, Edward	RCTC
Hernandez Rios, Kevin	Caltrans Headquarters
Islam, Fatima	Caltrans District 8
Kalandiyur, Nesamani	CARB
Lay, Keith	ICF
Lee, David	Caltrans District 8
Lee, Sang-Mi	South Coast AQMD
Lising, Ronnel	Caltrans District 12
Lugaro, Julie	Caltrans District 12
Marroquin, Nancy	LA Metro
Masters, Martha	RCTC
Morris, Michael	FHWA
Nguyen, Kaylee	Caltrans District 8
Nord, Greg	OCTA
Odufalu, Olufemi	Caltrans District 8
Ojeda, Alexandria	SBCTA
Richmai, Michael	LA Metro
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans Headquarters
Tso, Kristin	OCTA
Vaca, Erika	Caltrans Headquarters
Zumwalt, Michelle	Mojave Desert AQMD
Zuniga, Mario	EPA Region 9



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MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1. July 28, 2026 TCWG Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. RTP Update

Shannon McAlpine, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG would initiate the project input solicitation process for Connect SoCal 2050.
- The project input period for Connect SoCal 2050 would be open from August 31 through November 6, 2026.
- A kickoff meeting with county transportation commissions was scheduled for August 27, 2026 to discuss project input requirements and demonstrate the recently developed eRTP Project Tracker.

4.2. FTIP Update

Shannon McAlpine, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2025 FTIP Amendment #25-31 was uploaded to CTIPS on August 17, 2026 and was awaiting state and federal approvals.
- SCAG staff was finalizing 2025 FTIP Administrative Modification #25-32 and anticipated uploading it to CTIPS by the end of August.
- The public review period for the draft 2027 FTIP closed on August 4, 2026. During the review period, SCAG conducted public hearings on July 21 and July 28, 2026.
- The draft 2027 FTIP received 24 comments, including project-specific comments, funding and financial plan comments, and general comments.
- Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 received 16 comments, including general and project-specific comments. Responses to comments would be included in the final documents.
- The proposed final 2027 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 were scheduled for SCAG Regional Council consideration on September 3, 2026.
- Following Regional Council action, the 2027 FTIP would be submitted to Caltrans for inclusion in the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program by September 30, 2026.
- SCAG staff continued analysis of 2027 FTIP Amendment #27-01, which was anticipated to be released for a 10-day public review period in early October 2026.



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4.3. Status Update on the Transportation Conformity Analysis of the Proposed Final 2027 FTIP and Proposed Final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2

Ryan Banuelos, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG received comments on transportation conformity, project-specific issues, travel demand modeling, emissions modeling, goods movement, transit, and other transportation-related topics during the public review period for the draft 2027 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 (see Item 4.2).
- SCAG staff reviewed and addressed all transportation conformity-related comments. Detailed comments and responses would be included in the final documents and accompanying SCAG's Policy Committee and Regional Council agenda materials.
- None of the transportation conformity-related comments required changes to the regional emissions analyses or the proposed transportation conformity determinations.
- SCAG staff determined that the proposed final 2027 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 continue to satisfy applicable federal transportation conformity requirements and demonstrate positive transportation conformity.
- The proposed final transportation conformity analyses would be presented to the SCAG Regional Council on September 3, 2026, with final federal approval anticipated in December 2026 (see Item 4.2).

4.4. U.S. EPA Update

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

- U.S. EPA published a determination that the Coachella Valley attained the 1997 federal ozone standard by its June 15, 2025 attainment date.
- The action does not have any immediate transportation conformity implications.

4.5. CARB Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, reported the following:

- CARB staff continued coordination with U.S. EPA regarding the EMFAC2025 model package.
- CARB met with U.S. EPA to review updates incorporated into EMFAC2025 relative to EMFAC2021 and to respond to U.S. EPA's initial questions regarding the model.
- CARB anticipates submitting EMFAC2025 to U.S. EPA later in 2026 for the federal approval process.

In response to questions, CARB staff reported the following:

- CARB released an updated version of the model (i.e., EMFAC2025) that removes emission reduction benefits associated with ACT, ACC II, and other regulations affected by recent federal actions.
- CARB and U.S. EPA continue to evaluate treatment of Heavy-Duty Inspection and Maintenance program benefits, including benefits associated with out-of-state trucks, and whether those benefits should be reflected through model revisions or adjustment factors.
- CARB will continue consultation with U.S. EPA and incorporate the agreed-upon approach into the final EMFAC2025 model package.



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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

Sang-Mi Lee, South Coast AQMD, reported no 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, September 22, 2026, and would be available in person, via Zoom, and by teleconference. PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms were due to Karen Calderon, via email at calderon@scag.ca.gov, by Tuesday, September 8, 2026.