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

**May 26, 2015
Minutes**

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
Chung, Jeeseong	Metro
Jaffery, Edison	Caltrans, District 8
Louka, Tony	Caltrans, District 8
Marroquin, Nancy	Metro
Panganiban, Rodrigo	Caltrans, District 8
Ridder, Wil	Metro
Sherwood, Arnie	UC Berkeley

SCAG

Asuncion, John
Luo, Rongsheng
Zhou, Yanlin

Via Teleconference:

Alvarez, Grace	RCTC
Brent, Cherry	Dokken Engineering
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Cheng, Jack	SCAQMD
Choi, Yoojoong	Caltrans Headquarters
Christian, Shalanda	Caltrans Headquarters
Chu, Philip	SANBAG
Cooper, Keith	ICF International
Corder, Harry	City of Santa Clarita
DaSilva, Lisa	RCTC
Dehate, Eric	RCTC
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Keel, Steve	RCTC
Kulpolsky, Dan	Caltrans, District 7
Philips, Heather	ARB
Odufalu, Olufemi	Caltrans, District 8
Sheehy, Erin	OCTA
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans Headquarters

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Tax, Wienke	EPA Region 9
Walecka, Carla	TCA
Wong, Jillian	SCAQMD
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION

Tony Louka, TCWG Chair, 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 April 28, 2015 Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms
1) LASRTSrev
It was determined that this is not a POAQC.
(EPA & FHWA concurrence received after the meeting)

2) LA0G874
It was determined that this is not a POAQC.
(EPA & FHWA concurrence received after the meeting)

4.2 Review of PM Hot Spot Qualitative/Quantitative Analyses
1) RIV071267
The analysis was deemed acceptable for NEPA circulation (EPA & FHWA concurrence received after the meeting).

4.3 FTIP Update
John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2015 FTIP Administrative Modification #15-07 had received all approvals.
- 2015 FTIP Amendments #15-06 received state approval and was under federal review for approval.

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- Project submittals for next 2015 FTIP Amendment would be due to SCAG on June 9, 2015.

4.4 RTP Update

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following on behalf of Daniel Tran, SCAG:

- SCAG was preparing to kick off 21 RTP/SCS Open House Workshops on May 26, 2015 throughout SCAG region to allow public to provide feedback regarding important topics and issues of upcoming 2016 RTP/SCS.
- For further information regarding exact dates, time, and locations of Workshops, visit SCAG website at www.scagrtpscs.net.

4.5 Metro TCM Substitution Request and Update on Metro, RCTC, and SANBAG TCM Substitutions

Wil Ridder and Jeeseong Chung, Metro, presented an overview of Metro's request to substitute four different park-and-ride facility and bike lane projects for Long Beach Park and Ride Facility TCM project. Metro presentation concluded that Metro's TCM substitution request demonstrates meeting TCM substitution requirements.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following update on Metro, RCTC, and SANBAG TCM substitutions:

- Original SANBAG TCM Substitution was adopted by SCAG's Regional Council in early April 2015 and was subsequently forwarded to ARB and EPA for review. However, SANBAG has requested a revision to the TCM substitution. Revision was to apply more conservative assumptions to future growth of proposed substitute vanpool program TCM.
- As TCWG had been notified via email, Metro, RCTC, and revised SANBAG TCM Substitutions were released together for a 15-day public review on May 13, 2015. Public comment period would conclude on May 27. All public comments received will be responded to. No comments were received up to date.
- All three TCM Substitutions were on the agenda of SCAG's Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) and Regional Council meetings on June 4, 2015. SCAG staff was recommending EEC to recommend Regional Council to adopt the TCM Substitutions and to direct SCAG staff to forward them to ARB and EPA for concurrence.
- SCAG's approval of the TCM Substitutions with concurrence from EPA and ARB will rescind committed TCM status of original TCM projects and new substitute TCMs will become effective.
- Programming changes required by these TCM substitutions will be made through a subsequent FTIP amendment.

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4.6 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported the following:

- EPA was sued on their approval of South Coast 1-hour Ozone SIP. EPA just received opening brief from litigant Earthjustice and EPA's brief is due on August 28, 2015. This litigation is not related to conformity.
- EPA also received a SIP approval deadline lawsuit regarding PM_{2.5} SIP in 2012 South Coast AQMP on May 20, 2015. EPA will be negotiating to form a schedule to act on the PM_{2.5} SIP.
- EPA received a decision from 9th Circuit Court in a case regarding two San Joaquin SIPs for 1997 PM_{2.5} and 1997 8-hour Ozone standards. The Court did not rule in EPA's favor with regard to waiver measures in California but the court agreed with EPA's position in enforceable commitments in the SIPs.

4.7 ARB Update

Heather Phillips, ARB, reported the following:

- ARB formerly submitted EMFAC2014 to EPA on May 22, 2015 for approval. EMFAC 2014 is now available for download on ARB website. ARB's web database for EMFAC 2014 has also been updated on ARB's website.
- EMFAC2014 version 1.0.7 is the latest official version which supersedes previous version 1.0.1.
- ARB will be hosting a training webinar on EMFAC2014 on June 4, 2015.

In response to a question, Ms. Philips, ARB, stated that main change from EMFAC2014 1.01 to 1.07 was on how speed fractions are applied upon user defined activity data as input; other changes address how CO₂ emission factors are affected by Advanced Clean Car Regulation.

In response to a questions, Rodney Tavitas, Caltrans Headquarters, confirmed that CT-EMFAC5 had been dropped due to EMFAC 2014.

In response to a question, Ms. Philips, ARB, stated that EPA's approval of EMFAC2014 is anticipated to be six to eight months and there expects to be a grace period for continued use of EMFAC2011.

4.8 Air Districts Update

Jillian Wong, SCAQMD, reported that SCAQMD is continuing development of 2016 AQMP White Papers; and as part of the process, a two-day Technological Advancement Symposium will be held.

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported that VCAPD is working on their 2016 Ozone SIP.

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5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

None.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.