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

**August 26, 2014
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:

Chandan, Meenu	Caltrans, District 8
Cooper, Keith	ICF International
Fornelli, Justin	SANBAG
Galvan, Randy	Caltrans, District 8
Garcia, Dan	SCAQMD
Hatcher, Shannon	ICF International
Louka, Tony	Caltrans, District 8
McFalls, Matthew	ICF International
Meyer, Clint	HDR Engineering
Sherwood, Arnie	UC Berkeley

SCAG

Asuncion, John
Luo, Rongsheng

Via Teleconference:

Anderson, Cari	ARB
Chu, Philip	SANBAG
DeHate, Eric	RCTC
Ejlalmaneshan, Susan	Caltrans Headquarters
Fagan, Paul	Caltrans, District 8
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Hosseini, Ehsan	Terry Hayes Associates
Keel, Steve	RCTC
Moe-Luna, Lorelle	RCTC
Morris, Michael	FHWA
Odufalu, Olufemi	Caltrans, District 8
Silverman, Sam	Terry Hayes Associates
Sheehy, Erin	OCTA
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans Headquarters
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9
Vaughn, Joseph	FHWA
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 June 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved.

3.2 TCWG July 22, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) 201186

It was determined that this is not a POAQC (EPA concurrence received via email after the meeting).

2) 20061012

It was determined that this is not a POAQC pending EPA concurrence (FTA concurrence received via email after the meeting).

3) SBD41339

It was determined that this is not a POAQC (EPA concurrence received via email after the meeting; ADDT volumes in submitted PM hot spot review form were reaffirmed by project lead via email after the meeting).

4) I-110 Elevated Off-Ramp Connector Project

It was determined that this is not a POAQC (EPA concurrence received via email after the meeting).

4.2 Review of PM Hot Spot Quantitative Analysis

1) RIV071267

TCWG discussed about and provided comments on the modeling protocol (EPA and SCAQMD provided comments via email before and after the meeting respectively). Project lead will prepare detailed modeling protocol to address comments received.

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2) 20111625

TCWG discussed about and provided comments on the modeling protocol (EPA and SCAQMD provided comments via email before and after the meeting respectively). Project lead will discuss with EPA, FHWA, and Caltrans District 8 to confirm whether this project is a POAQC and, if yes, will prepare detailed modeling protocol to address comments received.

4.3 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2015 FTIP is scheduled to be presented to SCAG's Regional Council for approval on September 11, 2014 and FHWA/FTA approval is anticipated in mid-December 2014.
- 2015 FTIP Amendment #15-01 is under analysis by SCAG staff and will be submitted to FHWA/FTA for concurrent approval with 2015 FTIP in mid-December 2014.

4.4 RTP Update

On behalf of Naresh Amatya, SCAG, Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported that Amendment No. 2 to 2012-2035 RTP/SCS will be presented to SCAG's Regional Council on September 11, 2014 for approval concurrently with 2015 FTIP; and FHWA/FTA approval is also anticipated in mid-December 2014.

4.5 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported that EPA had finalized approval of 1-hour ozone SIP as well as 1-hour and 1997 8-hour ozone VMT offset demonstrations for South Coast Air Basin by settlement agreement deadline; and final rules will be published in Federal Register soon.

4.6 ARB Update

Cari Anderson, ARB, reported that 1997 8-hour ozone SIP update for Western Mojave and Coachella Valley will be pulled from September 2014 ARB Board meeting agenda and rescheduled to a later date this year.

In response to a question, Ms. Anderson stated that first EMFAC2014 workshop is still tentatively scheduled in October 2014; EMFAC2014 release is tentatively scheduled to be in the end of 2014; and EMFAC2014 is expected to be submitted to EPA in beginning of 2015 for review and approval.

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4.7 Air Districts Update

Dan Garcia, SCAQMD, reported that a new (10th) policy white paper had been added to address off-road equipment for 2016 AQMP.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

Rodney Tavitas, Caltrans Headquarters, stated that next Statewide Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on September 17, 2014, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm and meeting agenda will be sent out soon.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.