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

**September 24, 2013
Minutes**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE DUE TO MALFUNCTION OF THE RECORDER.

The Meeting of the Transportation Conformity Working Group was held at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.

In Attendance:

Abrishami, Lori	Metro
Ansari, Abdollah	CDM Smith
Baerg, Rye	SRTSNP
Blodgett, Marc	Blodgett Baylosis Associates
Cobleigh, Nicole	CDM Smith
Garcia, Dan	SCAQMD
Hamilton, Alex	City of Commerce
Morris, Michael	FHWA
Pehrson, John	CDM Smith
Shavit, Avital	Metro

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Asuncion, John
Au, Anita
Kuo, Ryan
Luo, Rongsheng

Via Teleconference:

Brady, Mike	Caltrans Headquarters
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Cooper, Keith	ICF
Crow, Jason	ARB
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
MacMillan, Ian	SCAQMD
Matley, Ted	FTA
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9
Tisoupulos, Tara	OCTA
Walecka, Carla	TCA
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 TCWG August 27, 2013 Meeting Minutes

This item was moved to the next TCWG meeting.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) IMP091001/6OM0701

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

2) LALS09

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

3) LA0G626

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

4) Revised SBD20110110

It was determined that this is not a POAQC pending SCAQMD concurrence (Project Lead had provided information requested by TCWG and FHWA, EPA, and Caltrans concurrences were received after the meeting).

5) Revised LAE3085

Upon a presentation by Mr. Alex Hamilton, City of Commerce, and Mr. Marc Blodgett, Blodgett Baylosis Associates, and an extensive discussion by TCWG, SCAG Modeling Department was requested to provide a second opinion on the

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growth assumption; and EPA Region 9 staff will have a further discussion with EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality and then meet with FHWA staff.

As a follow-up to September 24 TCWG meeting, EPA Region 9 staff consulted with EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality and discussed with FHWA staff regarding LAE3085. Subsequently, SCAG received reaffirmation from both FHWA and EPA that LAE3085 is not a POAQC. With the reaffirmation and the previous concurrence from Caltrans, the project LAE3085 is determined via email after the meeting to be not a POAQC and thus a hot spot analysis is not required.

4.2 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- All 2013 FTIP amendments through #13-12 had received necessary approvals.
- 2013 FTIP Amendment #13-13 was expected to be posted for public review this week
- No major revisions have been made to 2015 FTIP Guidelines because comments received were all technical in nature or for clarification. SCAG staff had responded to all comments and 2015 FTIP Guidelines would be presented to SCAG's Transportation Committee and Regional Council for approval on October 3, 2013.

4.3 RTP Update

Ryan Kuo, SCAG, reported that 2012-2035 RTP/SCS Amendment #2 will be performed concurrently with 2015 FTIP following the same schedule.

4.4 EPA Update

Karina O'Connor, EPA Region 9, reported that she has been working with Caltrans District 7 and SCAG to schedule for an upcoming training class on updated Quantitative PM Hot Spot Analysis Guidance.

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported that Contingency Measures for South Coast 2007 PM_{2.5} SIP revision were expected to receive final approval within two weeks. The EPA final approval will terminate the sanctions clocks and a federal implementation plan clock that were triggered by EPA's partial disapproval of a related SIP submission on November 5, 2011.

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4.5 ARB Update

Jason Crow, ARB, provided the following email update after the meeting:

- Updates to Mobile Source Emissions Inventory Tools Workshop would be held on Tuesday, October 8.
- More information on the Workshop can be found on the ARB website at:
http://www.arb.ca.gov/msei/emfac2013_oct_workshop_meeting_notice_final-save-the-date.doc

4.6 Air Districts Update

Dan Garcia, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- SCAQMD submitted a comment letter to EPA on September 4, 2013 regarding EPA's Proposed Rule for implementing 2008 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards.
- SCAQMD staff will seek Governing Board's approval of the 40 members of the AQMP Advisory Group by end of 2013.

5.0 **INFORMATION SHARING**

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, announced that the National Plug-in Day would be held at Collection Parkview Court, Oxnard, on September 28, 2013 from noon to 4 pm. The event would showcase electric vehicles (EV) and plug-in hybrids from almost every EV and plug-in hybrid vehicle manufacturers.

Michael Morris, FHWA, announced that FHWA will host a Transportation Conformity 101 Class on October 23 and 24 in Caltrans District 7 Office in downtown Los Angeles.

6.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday October 22, 2013 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.