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

**December 2, 2014  
Minutes**

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**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
Jaffery, Edison	Caltrans, District 8
Louka, Tony	Caltrans, District 8
Chung, Jeeseong	Metro
Mata, Sylvia	Caltrans, District 8
Rodriguez, Erik	Lee Andrews Group
Sherwood, Arnie	UC Berkeley

**SCAG**

Asuncion, John  
Luo, Rongsheng  
Tran, Daniel

**Via Teleconference:**

Alvarez, Grace	RCTC
Baker, Jillian	SCAQMD
Channell, Joshua	HNTB
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Cooper, Keith	ICF International
Amissah, Kate	Metro
Hosseini, Ehsan	TAHA
Morris, Michael	FHWA
O'Connor, Karina	EPA
Odufalu, Olufemi	Caltrans, District 8
Silverman, Sam	TAHA
Sheehy, Erin	OCTA
Todaro, Ryan	Parsons
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans Headquarters
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9
Walecka, Carla	TCA
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7

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**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 September 23, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved.

3.2 TCWG October 28, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved.

**4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) LA000789A

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

[At the request of TCWG, a clarification memo addressing each of the five specific questions under 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1) was forwarded to TCWG after the meeting].

2) LA0G949

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

4.2 Review of PM Hot Spot Quantitative/Qualitative Analyses

1) 0C2500 (Status update re. Modeling Protocol for I-10 Corridor Project)

Project consultant provided a brief update on their teleconference call with EPA and SCAQMD staff held before the TCWG meeting; discussed, responded to, and sought clarifications about SCAQMD comments on the modeling protocol. TCWG concurred with the changes made to the modeling protocol (EPA concurrence was received via email after the meeting). Project consultant will provide the final modeling protocol to TCWG.

4.3 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2015 FTIP and 2015 FTIP Amendment #15-01 were still expected to be approved by the federal agencies in mid-December 2014.

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- 2015 FTIP Administrative Modification #15-02 would be approved after the approval of 2015 FTIP Amendment #15-01.
- 2015 FTIP Amendment #15-03 was an emergency amendment and expected to be released for a ten-day public review on December 3, 2014.
- Project submittals for 2015 FTIP Amendment #15-04 would be due to SCAG on December 23, 2014.
- For modeling purposes only, submittals of new or existing projects with changes in completion date or scope for the 2016 Regional transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Consistency Amendment to 2015 FTIP would be due to SCAG on December 11, 2014.

4.4 RTP Update

Daniel Tran, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG had provided the six County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) for their review and input to the 2016 RTP/SCS with the list of current RTP projects from the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS Amendment #2.
- The deadline for submittal of new projects and update to the existing projects from the CTCs for the 2016 RTP/SCS was December 1, 2014. SCAG had received input from three of the six CTCs and anticipated to receive full input from the remaining CTCs by December 5, 2014.
- Upon receiving input from all CTCs, SCAG staff would review the project list to ensure that all project information is accurate in close coordination with CTCs. The project review was expected to be completed by the end of January 2015.

4.5 Preliminary TCM Substitution Technical Analysis (LAE0332)

Jeeseong Chung, LA Metro, presented, discussed, and responded to TCWG questions regarding Metro's preliminary technical emission analysis for the substitution of a park and ride lot TCM project in the City of Long Beach (LAE0332) including the description of the original and substitute TCM projects; the emission analysis methodology, process, and results; as well as the next steps.

4.6 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported the following:

- EPA had signed a proposed rule to strengthen the Ozone standard from 75 parts per billion (ppb) to a range of 65-70 ppb; there would be a 90-day public comment period after the Notice has been published in the Federal Register; the proposed ozone standards must be finalized by October 1, 2015 under a legal agreement.

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- EPA also had signed a proposed rule to find that the South Coast had attained the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> standards; and the proposed rule would go through a 30-day public comment period after the Notice has been published in the Federal Register.
- On September 3, 2014, EPA published a final approval of the 1-hour Ozone attainment demonstration for South Coast. However, the approval was challenged by a lawsuit on October 31, 2014 and more details would be provided later when available.

In response to questions, Ms. Wienke provided the following via email after the meeting:

- The link to an interactive map showing counties where measured ozone is above the proposed range of new ozone standards:  
<http://www.epa.gov/air/ozonepollution/maps.html>.
- Upon final area designations, an Extreme ozone nonattainment area would have 20 years to attain from the effective date of the final area designation under the new ozone standards.
- The lawsuit to challenge EPA's final approval of South Coast's 1-hour attainment demonstration was filed by Earthjustice.
- EPA intended to sign the final area designations for the 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> standards in December 2014; the final area designations were expected to be published in the Federal Register in January 2015 with a 90-day public comment period.
- The 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> standards implementation rule was expected to propose some revocation options for the primary 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> standards in early 2015.

In response to a question, Karina O'Connor, EPA Region 9, reported via email after the meeting that EPA had a conference call with ARB several weeks ago and raised several questions about EMFAC-PL.

4.7 ARB Update

There was no new ARB update.

4.8 Air Districts Update

Jillian Baker, SCAQMD, reported the following

- SCAQMD had not had any 2016 AQMP Advisory Group Meeting since the last update.
- SCAQMD staff was working on a revision to the 2012 South Coast AQMP/PM<sub>2.5</sub> SIP attainment demonstration.
- The review of SCAQMD Socioeconomic Assessment had been completed and presented to the Governing Board on November 7, 2014.

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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, January 27, 2015 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.