



# TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

## Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was held via Zoom, teleconference, and in-person. A digital recording of the meeting is available for listening in SCAG's office.

### Attendee List

#### **SCAG Staff:**

*Asuncion, John  
Gutierrez, Pablo  
Heschmeyer, D'Ella  
Luo, Rongsheng  
Sun, Lijin*

#### **Via Zoom and Teleconference:**

*Alido, Josephine  
Bade, Rabindra  
Becha, Karishma  
Dorantes, Michael  
Galbreath, Holly  
Gaschot, Bertrand  
Getachew, Eleni  
Gross, Dakota  
Hang, Ivy  
Hendrawan, Kevin  
Huddleston, Lori  
Kahrs, Jacqueline  
Kalandiyur, Nesamani  
Lay, Keith  
Lods, Barbara  
Lugaro, Julie  
Marroquin, Nancy  
Maulano, Annabelle  
Miranda, Jude  
Mundy, Norman  
O'Connor, Karina  
Pracilio, Deborah  
Renga, Vaik  
Richmai, Michael  
Silverman, Sam  
Sutherland, Anders  
Tavitas, Rodney  
Vaca, Erika  
Wong, Alison  
Yoon, Andrew*

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Caltrans District 12  
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## MEETING SUMMARY

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Rabindra Bade, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1. October 24, 2023 TCWG Meeting Minutes  
The meeting minutes were approved.

### 4. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 4.1. Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

- **11625012 and 11625012 Addendum Table:** it was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern. (FHWA and Caltrans Headquarters provided respective concurrence via e-mails after the meeting.)
- **RIV180101:** it was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern. (FHWA and Caltrans Headquarters provided respective concurrence via e-mails after the meeting.)
- **LAF7205:** it was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern. (FHWA and Caltrans Headquarters provided respective concurrence via e-mails after the meeting.)

Karina O'Connor, U.S. EPA Region IX, stated that Michael Dorantes, U.S. EPA Region IX, would take on U.S. EPA's project-level conformity reviews and determinations for the next few months as Karina would be acting in a different position.

#### 4.2. RTP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG Regional Council authorized the release of the draft Connect SoCal 2024 (Plan) for public review on November 2, 2023.
- The public review and comment period for the draft Plan would be from November 2, 2023 to January 12, 2024, followed by SCAG Regional Council's anticipated adoption in April 2024.

##### 4.2.1 Status Update on Transportation Conformity Analysis for Draft Connect SoCal 2024

Lijin Sun, SCAG, reported the following:

- As follow-ups to the status updates provided at the September and October TCWG meetings, SCAG staff released the draft transportation conformity analysis technical report, including the transportation conformity checklist, as part of the draft Plan document for a 72-day public review period on November 2, 2023. The public comment period would conclude on January 12, 2024.
- The draft transportation conformity analysis technical report was published on SCAG's Connect SoCal website at: <https://scag.ca.gov/connect-socal>.
- The final transportation conformity analysis would be expected to be adopted as part of the Final Connect SoCal 2024 by SCAG's Regional Council in April 2024.
- FHWA and FTA final transportation conformity determination would be needed by June 5, 2024.



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## 4.3. FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- The schedule for the 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-26 was parallel to that for the Connect SoCal 2024. SCAG's Regional Council would consider approval of the 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-26 at the same time as the Final Connect SoCal 2024 in April 2024.
- 2025 FTIP project submittals from the County Transportation Commissions would be due to SCAG in January 2024.

## 4.4. EPA Update

- No updates were provided.

### 4.4.1. Status Update on the SCAQMD Lawsuit against EPA (Case No. 2:23-cv-02626)

- No specific updates were provided as parties were still negotiating deadlines.

## 4.5. ARB Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, reported the following:

- CARB was developing the next version of the EMFAC model, also known as EMFAC202Y. A public workshop would be held on January 17, 2024 to provide updates to the methodology and data sources.
- CARB continued development on motor vehicle emissions budgets for the South Coast AQMD's 2012 annual PM2.5 federal standards for the South Coast Air Basin. Upon completion of the development, CARB would present draft new motor vehicle emissions budgets to TCWG at its future meeting for interagency review and consultation.

## 4.6. Air Districts Update

### 4.6.1. Status Update on EPA Final Limited Disapproval of Reasonable Available Control Technology Demonstrations for Sources Covered by the EPA's 2016 Oil and Gas Control Techniques Guidelines for VCAPCD

Holly Galbreath, VCAPCD, reported the following:

- VCAPCD staff had submitted the revised Rule 71.1 package for EPA review and approval through CARB on October 10, 2023. Status of CARB submittal to EPA was pending.

### 4.6.2. Status Update on EPA Proposed Limited Disapproval of SCAQMD Rules 1106, 1106.1, and 1107; Final Limited Disapproval of SCAQMD Rule 1118; Final Limited Disapproval of Reasonable Available Control Technology Demonstrations for Sources Covered by the EPA's 2016 Oil and Gas Control Techniques Guidelines for SCAQMD; Failure to Submit Contingency Measures for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS for Coachella Valley Ozone Nonattainment Area

- No representatives present to provide an update.

### 4.6.3. Status Update on EPA Final Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 1160; Final Disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 315; Failure to Submit Contingency Measures for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS for San Bernardino County Portion of West Mojave Desert Ozone Nonattainment Area; Final Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rules 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, and 1305; Final Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 1157; and Proposed Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 401

Bertrand Gaschot, MDAQMD, reported the following:

- MDAQMD revised Rule 401 on visible emissions was adopted by MDAQMD Board on October 23, 2023 and had been submitted to CARB for EPA review and approval.



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- MDAQMD staff would work on the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS contingency measures air plan for adoption by March 2024.

#### 4.6.3.1 Status Update on the MDAQMD Lawsuit against EPA (Case No. 23-1411)

- No updates were provided.

#### 4.6.4. Status Update on EPA Final Limited Disapproval of AVAQMD Rule 315; Failure to Submit Contingency Measures for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS for Antelope Valley Portion of West Mojave Desert Ozone Nonattainment Area; and Final Limited Disapproval of AVAQMD Rules 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, and 1309

Barbara Lods, AVAQMD, reported the following:

- AVAQMD revised Rule 315 was adopted by AVAQMD Board on November 21, 2023 and had been submitted to CARB for EPA review and approval.

#### 4.6.4.1 Status Update on the AVAQMD Lawsuit against EPA (Case No. 23-1614)

- No updates were provided.

## 5. INFORMATION SHARING

- In response to a question, Micheal Dorantes, U.S. EPA Region IX, stated that there was currently no timeframe for when U.S. EPA would publish the final rule on the revisions to the primary annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS. EPA Headquarters had been actively working on this and considered it a top priority. U.S. EPA staff representatives on SCAG's TCWG would share updates with TCWG when updates became available.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the TCWG will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 in-person, via Zoom, and by teleconference. Please submit PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms for the next meeting to Lijin Sun, [sunl@scag.ca.gov](mailto:sunl@scag.ca.gov), by Tuesday, January 9, 2024.