



TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

June 27, 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:

*Jimenez, Diego
Lo, Nancy
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Via Teleconference:

*Bade, Rabindra
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Cooper, Keith
Emery, Edward
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Huddleston, Lori
Kahrs, Jacqueline
Kang, Peter
Kelly, Tom
Lee, David
Lugaro, Julie
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MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Andrew Yoon, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1. May 23, 2023 TCWG Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were deferred to next TCWG meeting.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. RTP Update

Nancy Lo, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG received federal approval of the transportation conformity determination for Connect SoCal Amendment No. 3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 on June 9, 2023.
- SCAG staff thanked all involved state and federal agencies staff for the review and approval of Connect SoCal Amendment No. 3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03, including the associated transportation conformity analysis.

4.2. FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff would present and highlight major changes to the Draft 2025 FTIP Guidelines since the 2023 FTIP Guidelines for interagency consultation at the August 22, 2023 TCWG meeting.
- Project information for the Consistency Amendment to the 2024 RTP is due to SCAG on August 1, 2023.

In response to John Asuncion's question, Jacqueline Kahrs, Caltrans Headquarters, stated that beginning with the 2023 FSTIP cycle, Caltrans Headquarters requested all MPOs to include the conformity documentations as part of the submittals of the 2023 FTIP to Caltrans. At the time of approval of the 2023 FSTIP on December 16, 2022, FHWA also provided approval of each MPO's conformity analysis. This was a new process in California to replace federal approval letters that MPOs received in previous years for their conformity determinations.

Michael Morris, FHWA, confirmed Jacqueline's statements and added that federal approval of conformity determinations for RTP/FTIP and amendments would be provided electronically through the CTIP database, including federal approval date. In contrast, federal approval letters would continue to be produced for project level conformity determinations.

4.3. Status Update on Regional Transportation Conformity Lockdown

Lijin Sun, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff sincerely thanked all involved EPA and ARB staff, particularly Karina O'Connor and Nesamani Kalandiyur, for their tremendous effort in resolving the regional transportation conformity lockdown within a very short period of time.
- SCAG's Regional Council adopted the conformity determination as part of their approval of SCAG's Connect SoCal Amendment 3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment on June 1, 2023.
- Caltrans Headquarters, FHWA, and FTA approved the final conformity determination of the 2020 RTP and 2023 FTIP Amendments on June 9, 2023. With their timely approval, the \$26 billion worth of important transportation



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projects can now resume their implementation.

4.4. EPA Update

In response to questions from Lijin Sun, SCAG, Tom Kelly, EPA, reported the following:

- There was no imminent release date for EPA's finalized contingency measures guidance at this time.
- There was no update on EPA guidance on the Transportation Control Measures Most Stringent Measure (MSM) analysis. Tom would discuss with Karina O'Connor, EPA, to provide an update at the next TCWG meeting.

4.4a Status Update on the SCAQMD Lawsuit against EPA (Case No. 2:23-cv-02646)

No updates provided.

4.5. ARB Update

No representatives present to provide an update.

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 revised Rule 71.1 to meet EPA requirements.
- The revised Rule 71.1 would be presented to VCAPCD Advisory Group on June 27, 2023, with anticipated adoption by the VCAPCD Governing Board in July 2023.

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; Failure to Submit State Implementation Plan Submissions for the 2012 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards

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; Proposed Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rules 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, and 1305; and Final Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 1157

Lijin Sun, SCAG, reported on behalf of MDAQMD:

- The final limited disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 1157 was published in the Federal Register on June 16, 2023 and would become effective July 17, 2023.
- On June 19, 2023, MDAQMD staff provided preliminary draft amended rule language to EPA for review. Upon EPA's satisfaction of the preliminary draft amended rule language, MDAQMD staff would proceed with the public process to develop and adopt the amended Rule 1157.

Tom Kelly, EPA, stated that EPA issued an interim final determination in the Federal Register on April 7, 2023 to defer the sanctions caused by EPA final limited disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 1160.



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- 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 Proposed Limited Disapproval of AVAQMD Rules 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, and 1309

No representatives present to provide an update.

5. INFORMATION SHARING

Lijin Sun, SCAG, acknowledged and thanked Andrew Yoon for chairing the TCWG meetings from July 2022 through June 2023 and announced that Rabindra Bade, Caltrans District 12, would be chairing TCWG meetings for the next fiscal year from July 2023 through June 2024.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the TCWG will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 via in-person, Zoom, and teleconference. Please submit PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms for the next meeting to Lijin Sun, sunl@scag.ca.gov, by Tuesday, July 11, 2023.