



TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

October 24, 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
Calderon, Karen
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Sun, Lijin

Via Zoom and Teleconference:

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Lugaro, Julie
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Marroquin, Nancy
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MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Lijin Sun, SCAG TCWG lead staff, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1. September 26, 2023 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Form

- **20190104:** It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.

4.2. RTP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG Regional Council would consider 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 a follow-up to the status update provided at the September TCWG meeting, SCAG staff completed the regional emissions modeling and review of the regional emissions results. The results were that all of the 26 non-attainment and maintenance areas in the SCAG region met their respective required budgets or interim emissions tests.
- The detailed draft transportation conformity analysis, including the transportation conformity checklist, would be included as part of the draft Connect SoCal 2024 Plan document that would be released for a 72-day public review period following approval by the Regional Council on November 2, 2023.
- The draft transportation conformity analysis technical report would be available for download from SCAG's Connect SoCal website <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 confirmation and determination would be needed by June 5, 2024.

4.3. FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG Transportation Committee recommended the approval of the proposed final 2025 FTIP Guidelines in October 2023. SCAG Regional Council would consider the Guidelines for approval on November 2, 2023.
- 2025 FTIP project submittals from the County Transportation Commissions would be due to SCAG in January 2024.
- The 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-26 would be considered for approval at the same time as the Connect SoCal 2024 plan in April 2024.



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4.4. EPA Update

Lijin Sun, SCAG, reported on behalf of EPA:

- The EPA's finalized contingency measures guidance would be released in early 2024. Local air districts were encouraged to use the draft guidance to develop their respective contingency measures air plans.
- In addition to the draft guidance, EPA recommended that CARB and air districts review EPA's proposed FIP for additional information regarding developing an infeasibility justification and consult with EPA Region 9 regarding questions about how to calculate one year's worth (OYW) of reasonable further progress (RFP) and for additional information regarding infeasibility analyses.

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

- No representatives present to provide an update.

4.5. ARB Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, reported the following:

- CARB was developing the next version of the EMFAC model. Public workshops were planned in January 2024.
- CARB continued development on motor vehicle emissions budgets for the South Coast AQMD's 2012 annual PM_{2.5} federal standards for the South Coast Air Basin.

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 submitted the revised Rule 71.1 package for EPA review and approval through CARB on October 10, 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

Sang-Mi Lee, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- The amended SCAQMD Rules 1106, 1106.1 and 1107 were approved in January 2023 and subsequently submitted to CARB in June 2023 for EPA review and approval.
- The amended SCAQMD Rule 1118 was approved in January 2023 and subsequently submitted to CARB in May 2023 for EPA review and approval.
- The amended SCAQMD Rules 468 and 1178 were approved in May 2023 to address the deficiencies underlying the final limited disapproval of reasonable available control technology demonstrates for sources covered by the EPA's 2016 Oil and Gas Control Technique Guidelines for SCAQMD. Additional amendments to Rule 1178 were adopted in September 2023. The CARB-EPA submittal packages for the revised rules were under development.
- SCAQMD was still waiting for the EPA's finalized contingency measures guidance. Adoption of the contingency measures air plan for Coachella Valley was anticipated in early 2024.



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- 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
- No representatives present to provide an update.

- 4.6.3.1 Status Update on the MDAQMD Lawsuit against EPA (Case No. 23-1411)
- No representatives present to provide an update.

- 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
- Lijin Sun, SCAG, reported on behalf of AVAQMD that there were no updates on any of the AVAQMD items.

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

5. INFORMATION SHARING

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the TCWG will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 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, by Tuesday, November 14, 2023.