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

**October 28, 2014
Minutes**

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:

Baker, Jillian	SCAQMD
Galvan, Randy	Caltrans
Jaffery, Edison	Caltrans, District 8
Lor, David	Metro
Louka, Tony	Caltrans, District 8
Morris, Michael	FHWA
Sherwood, Arnie	

SCAG

Asuncion, John
Luo, Rongsheng

Via Teleconference:

Anderson, Cari	ARB
Aurasteh, Reza	Caltrans, District 12
Denno, Neal	Parsons
Behtash, Arman	Caltrans, District 12
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Chang, Paul	Caltrans, District 12
Cooper, Keith	ICF
De Salvio, Alan	AVAQMD and MDAQMD
DeHate, Eric	RCTC
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Hosseini, Ehsan	TAHA
Lay, Keith	LSA Associates
Mills, Jeff	OCTA
Moe-Luna, Lorelle	RCTC
O'Connor, Karina	EPA, Region 9
Silverman, Sam	TAHA
Todaro, Ryan	Parsons
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans Headquarters
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. Mr. Louka acknowledged Dan Garcia, outgoing TCWG Member representing SCAQMD, for his active participation and contribution to TCWG, and welcomed Dr. Jillian Baker as new SCAQMD representative.

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 deferred to the next meeting.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) Rail Road Canyon Interchange Project

PM hot spot interagency review form for the project was withdrawn at the meeting.

2) 18790

It was determined that the TSM/TDM, BRT, and LRT alternatives of the project are not POAQC's while all of the Tunnel alternatives are POAQC's.

4.2 Review of PM Hot Spot Quantitative/Qualitative Analyses

1) 0C2500 Updated Modeling Protocol

Project consultant discussed, responded to, and sought clarifications about SCAQMD comments on the updated modeling protocol. A follow-up teleconference will be scheduled after EPA comments are available.

2) ORA030605

It was determined that the qualitative analysis is acceptable for NEPA circulation.

4.3 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2013 FTIP Administrative Modification #13-21, final one for 2013 FTIP, had been approved.
- 2015 FTIP is still anticipated to be approved by FHWA/FTA in mid-December 2014.

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- 2015 FTIP Amendment #15-01 had been submitted to Caltrans and FHWA/FTA and is expected to be approved by FHWA/FTA at the same time as 2015 FTIP.
- Project submittals from county transportation commissions would be due to SCAG by November 4, 2014 for 2015 FTIP Administrative Modification #15-02.

4.4 RTP Update

The following RTP update email from Daniel Tran, SCAG, was forwarded to TCWG after the meeting:

- SCAG is currently in the initial stages towards the overall development of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. To date, SCAG has submitted the list of RTP projects, current as of Amendment No. 2 to the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, to the six County Transportation Committees (CTCs) that serve the SCAG region for input. We anticipate for the CTCs to provide us with finalized project lists to be included as part of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS by the end of November 2014. On October 24, 2014 SCAG conducted a workshop providing an overview of the project list and Q/A session to the various staff members from the six CTCs. At the moment, SCAG staff has been working closely with the CTCs towards ensuring that the list of RTP projects is updated accordingly and to assist with any issues that the CTCs may come across when populating the various fields as outlined in the project list.

4.5 EPA Update

Karina O'Connor, EPA Region 9, reported that EPA had recently released an update to MOVE2014.

4.6 ARB Update

Cari Anderson, ARB, reported the following:

- Updates to Coachella Valley and Western Mojave Desert 1997 8-hour Ozone Standard SIPs were adopted by ARB Board on October 24, 2014; Both SIP Updates include new transportation conformity budgets and will be submitted to EPA.
- Draft Imperial County 2006 PM2.5 Standard SIP had been released by Imperial County Air District for public review and would be presented to its Board for adoption in early November; The Draft PM2.5 SIP also includes new transportation conformity budgets and is scheduled to be adopted by ARB Board on December 18, 2014.

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- An EMFAC 2014 Public Workshop would be held in Sacramento on November 7, 2014 and also be webcasted; EMFAC2014 is still scheduled to be released by end of 2014.

4.7 Air Districts Update

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported that VCAPCD was refining emission forecast as part of its SIP development for 2008 8-hour Ozone Standard.

Alan De Salvio, AVAMQD and MDAQMD, reported that no TCMs are anticipated to be included in Western Mojave Desert 2008 8-hour Ozone Standard SIP.

The following air district update email from Dr. Jillian Baker, SCAQMD, was forwarded to TCWG after the meeting:

- On October 28, 2014, there was an AQMP Advisory Group Meeting (<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/meeting-agendas-minutes/agenda?title=2016-aqmp-advisory-group-meeting-october-28-2014>). SCAQMD staff is continuing work on the white papers and finished review of the socioeconomic assessment. More importantly, the 2012 AQMP projected attainment of the 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard (35 µg/m³) at the end of 2014, however, preliminary monitoring data for this year indicates that attainment is not likely to occur, so are working on an extension request with EPA. More details can be found on the slides.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

None.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.