



# TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

## Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2026

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 upon request.

### Attendee List

**SCAG Staff:**

Banuelos, Ryan  
Northfield, Shea  
Sangkapichai, Mana  
Sun, Lijin

**Via Zoom and Teleconference:**

Dorantes, Michael  
Emery, Edward  
Galbreath, Holly  
Getachew, Eleni  
Hernandez Rios, Kevin  
Inouye, Eric  
Kalandiyur, Nesamani  
Kang, Peter  
Lugaro, Julie  
Masters, Martha  
Meneses, Mercedes  
Morris, Michael  
Odufalu, Olufemi  
Slavick, Michael  
Sutherland, Anders  
Tavitas, Rodney  
Tso, Kristin  
Wong, Alison

EPA Region 9  
RCTC  
Ventura County APCD  
Impact Sciences  
Caltrans HQ  
Caltrans District 11  
CARB  
Caltrans HQ  
Caltrans District 12  
RCTC  
LA Metro  
FHWA  
Caltrans District 8  
ECORP Consulting Inc.  
Terry A. Hayes Associates Inc  
Caltrans HQ  
OCTA  
Caltrans District 7



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## MEETING SUMMARY

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

Lori Huddleston, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1. January 27, 2026 TCWG Meeting Minutes  
The meeting minutes were approved.

### 4. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 4.1. RTP Update

Shea Northfield, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff's work was underway for Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2.

#### 4.2. FTIP Update

Shea Northfield, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff was processing an amendment and an administrative modification for the 2025 FTIP.
- SCAG staff was updating documents and had begun coding the network for modeling the 2027 FTIP.
- SCAG staff expected to take the draft 2027 FTIP and draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 to the Regional Council in early July 2026 to release them for a 30-day public review period, during which two public hearings would be held.

#### 4.3. U.S. EPA Update

Michael Dorantes, U.S. EPA, reported the following:

- On February 6, 2026, U.S. EPA published a final rule in the Federal Register partially approving and partially disapproving California's heavy-duty vehicle inspection and maintenance (HD I/M) regulation.
- The partial disapproval applied to the portion of the regulation covering out-of-state HD vehicles.
- For several years, EMFAC adjustment factors have provided partial credit for emissions reductions associated with the HD I/M program; the final rule introduces complications that require revised adjustment factors.
- U.S. EPA was working with CARB on revised EMFAC adjustment factors in response to the final rule and recognized that transportation and air agencies may have concerns. U.S. EPA intends to provide direction as soon as possible as CARB develops the new adjustment factors.



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## 4.4. CARB Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, reported the following:

- CARB staff was developing updated EMFAC2021 adjustment factors for the heavy-duty vehicle inspection and maintenance (HD I/M) program to reflect U.S. EPA's partial approval and partial disapproval of the statewide regulation.
- The new adjustment factors would provide credit only for in-state registered HD vehicles.
- CARB staff expected to submit the updated HD I/M adjustment factors to U.S. EPA for approval in the coming month.
- CARB staff clarified that the interim EMFAC2021 50 percent HD I/M adjustment factors should no longer be used for transportation conformity analyses.
- CARB staff was revising EMFAC2025, with the next version expected to be posted in the coming month. The new version would incorporate the effects of recent federal regulatory actions and would be submitted to U.S. EPA for review and eventual approval for use in transportation conformity.
- CARB staff was working with South Coast AQMD on the South Coast maintenance plans for the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> and 1987 PM<sub>10</sub> NAAQS, including development of motor vehicle emissions budgets. CARB staff anticipated bringing the proposed budgets to TCWG at a future meeting for discussion and feedback after they completed internal approval processes.

In response to questions from SCAG staff, Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, clarified the following:

- The upcoming South Coast PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> maintenance plans budgets were separate from future ozone budgets (e.g., for the 70 ppb 2015 8-hour ozone federal standard), which would be addressed in subsequent air planning efforts for both the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley.
- For transportation conformity determinations, regional emissions analyses using EMFAC2021 should follow a two-step adjustment approach:
  1. Use the U.S. EPA-approved EMFAC2021 adjustment factors that remove the benefits of the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) and the Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Omnibus Low NO<sub>x</sub> regulations; and
  2. Apply the forthcoming new HD I/M adjustment factors that would address U.S. EPA's partial approval/partial disapproval of the HD I/M regulation.

## 4.5. Air Districts Updates

### 4.5.1. Ventura County APCD Update

Holly Galbreath, Ventura County APCD, reported no updates.

### 4.5.2. South Coast AQMD Update

No representative was present to provide updates.

### 4.5.3. Mojave Desert AQMD Update

No representative was present to provide updates.



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4.5.4. Antelope Valley AQMD Update  
No representative was present to provide updates.

4.5.5. Imperial County APCD Update  
No representative was present to provide updates.

## 5. INFORMATION SHARING

Rodney Tavitas, Caltrans HQ, announced that Caltrans was working to offer an in-person transportation conformity training. The prior instructor had retired, and Caltrans was in the process of contracting a new instructor. Caltrans expects to host the training Sacramento, with dates to be determined.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

The next TCWG meeting would be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 via Zoom and by teleconference. PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms were due to Karen Calderon, via email at [calderon@scag.ca.gov](mailto:calderon@scag.ca.gov), by Tuesday, March 10, 2026.