



TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was held via Zoom and teleconference. A digital recording of the meeting is available upon request.

Attendee List

SCAG Staff:

Banuelos, Ryan
Calderon, Karen
Gutierrez, Pablo
Sangkapichai, Mana
Sun, Lijin

Via Zoom and Teleconference:

Acebo, Mervin
Bade, Rabindra
Becha, Karishma
Dorantes, Michael
Friedman, Brandon
Galbreath, Holly
Gaschot, Bertrand
Hendrawan, Kevin
Hernandez Rios, Kevin
Holford, Alex
Holmquist, Kate
Kalandiyur, Nesamani
Lay, Keith
Lee, David
Lee, Sang-Mi
Lugaro, Julie
Marroquin, Nancy
Masters, Martha
Morris, Michael
Ojeda, Alexandria
Poyer, Tom
Ritter, Kimberly
Rowe, Deborah
Sah, Marya
Sako, Alan
Samuelson, Marya
Slavick, Michael
Stack, Jason
Tavitas, Rodney
Vaca, Erika
Wong, Alison
Yoon, Andrew
Zia, Sunny

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Caltrans District 12
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Port of Long Beach
Port of Long Beach
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Environmental Science Associates
GPA Consulting
ECORP Consulting Inc.
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MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Karen Calderon, SCAG, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1. March 24, 2026 TCWG Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. Review of PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Form

- **Attachment 4.1-1 L ATP21MPO104:** It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.

4.2. Review of Regional Significance Determination and PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Form

- **Attachment 4.2-1 LA9919409:** It was determined that this project is not regionally significant and is not a project of air quality concern.

For future reference, U.S. EPA staff noted that when project materials show increases in traffic volumes, supporting documentation should clearly identify corresponding traffic diversions to demonstrate that the project is not capacity-increasing.

4.3. RTP Update

Pablo Gutierrez, SCAG, reported the following:

- Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 would be released for public review concurrently with the Draft 2027 FTIP.

4.4. FTIP Update

Pablo Gutierrez, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff was preparing to release 2025 FTIP Amendment #25-24 for public review.
- SCAG staff was processing 2025 FTIP Administrative Modification #25-25.
- SCAG anticipated receiving 2025 FTIP Administrative Modification #25-26 and Amendment #25-27 in the coming month.
- SCAG staff completed analysis of 2027 FTIP project submittals and was preparing the draft 2027 FTIP document, with plans to seek SCAG's Transportation Committee authorization in July 2026 to release the draft for a 30-day public review period, concurrent with the draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2.



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4.5. Status Update on the Transportation Conformity Analysis of the Draft 2027 FTIP and Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2

Ryan Banuelos, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff continued development of the transportation conformity analyses for the draft 2027 FTIP and draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 and provided an overview of the section organization and overall structure of the draft conformity analyses.
- Staff highlighted that updates to the regional emissions analysis would reflect federal and state actions and the resultant EMFAC2021 adjustment factors, including pending approval of the Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance (HD I/M) adjustment factors.
- SCAG staff would continue interagency consultation through TCWG and provide ongoing status updates as the regional transportation conformity analyses progressed.

4.6. U.S. EPA Update

Michael Dorantes, U.S. EPA, reported no updates.

4.7. CARB Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, reported the following:

- CARB submitted the EMFAC2021 HD I/M adjustment factors to U.S. EPA for review and approval on March 26, 2026.
- Once approved by U.S. EPA, MPOs would be required to use the said adjustment factors to conduct regional emissions analyses for transportation conformity determinations.

4.7.1. South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley 2015 8-Hour Ozone Standard (70 ppb) Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets Interagency Consultation

Kevin Hendrawan, CARB, reported the following:

- CARB developed draft motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) for the 2015 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (70 ppb) for both the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley.
- The draft MVEBs were developed using EMFAC2021 with adjustment factors reflecting the removal of certain mobile source regulations pursuant to Congressional Review Act actions and the HD I/M adjustment factors pending EPA approval.
- The draft MVEBs were released for public comment on April 17, 2026, and would be considered by the CARB Board for adoption as part of the South Coast AQMD's Extreme ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP) at its May 28, 2026 Board meeting.

SCAG staff provided comments noting that SCAG could not meet the Coachella Valley MVEBs, and that CARB's May 28th adoption of the South Coast AQMD's Extreme ozone SIP, including the unworkable Coachella Valley MVEBs, would set in motion a process that could ultimately lead to a regional transportation conformity lockdown and would have serious regionwide consequences, although no immediate impact was anticipated for the 2027 FTIP or Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 this year.



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4.8. Air Districts Updates

4.8.1. Ventura County APCD Update

Holly Galbreath, Ventura County APCD, reported no updates.

4.8.2. South Coast AQMD Update

Sang-Mi Lee, South Coast AQMD, reported no updates beyond those discussed under Item 4.7.1.

4.8.3. Mojave Desert AQMD Update

Bertrand Gaschot, Mojave Desert AQMD, reported the following:

- The Mojave Desert AQMD's amended Rule 1304 would be submitted to CARB for transmittal to U.S. EPA within the next two weeks, which was a significant step toward complying with EPA's final conditional approval based on the air district's commitment letter.

4.8.4. Antelope Valley AQMD Update

No representative was present to provide updates.

4.8.5. Imperial County APCD Update

No representative was present to provide updates.

5. INFORMATION SHARING

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next TCWG meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, in-person, via Zoom, and by teleconference. PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms were due to Karen Calderon, via email at calderon@scag.ca.gov, by Tuesday, May 12, 2026.