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:**
Chiou, Wayne  
Huddleston, Lori  
Morris, Michael  
Sherwood, Arnie  
Whisman, Rusty  
Caltrans, District 12  
Metro  
FHWA  
UC Berkeley  
ICF

**SCAG:**
Asuncion, John  
Kaufman, Matt  
Luo, Rongsheng  
Tran, Daniel

**Via Teleconference:**
Behtash, Arman  
Cacatian, Ben  
Chu, Philip  
Chung, Jeeseong  
Gallo, Ilene  
Hudson, Kerrie  
Masters, Martha  
Nealon, Alison  
Pereira, Melina  
Sun, Lijin  
Tavitas, Rodney  
Tax, Wienke  
Tisopulos, Tara  
Yoon, Andrew  
Caltrans District 12  
VCAPCD  
SBCTA  
Metro  
Caltrans, District 11  
Caltrans, District 8  
RCTC  
Caltrans Headquarters  
Caltrans, District 11  
SCAQMD  
Caltrans Headquarters  
EPA, Region 9  
OCTA  
Caltrans District 7
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1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION
Wayne Chiou, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
None.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR
3.1. July 25, 2017 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms
1) 200207
   It was determined that this is not a POAQC (The PM form has been revised
   after the meeting to address TCWG comments; Final EPA concurrence was
   received via email after the meeting).

2) ORA170205
   It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

3) LAWA Roadway Improvement Projects Status Update
   Andrew Yoon, Caltrans District 7, reported that Caltrans, with assistance from EPA
   and FHWA, has determined that this project is not a FHWA project and thus does
   not require TCWG review.

4.2 FTIP Update
   John Asuncion, SCAG, reported on main changes in Draft 2019 FTIP Guidelines
   excluding Chapters 3 and 4:
   - Chapter 1. Policy and Requirements
     o Added information on FAST Act and SB-1
     o Added Section J. Performance Measures and Rulemaking
     o Added Section V. National Highway Freight Program and Subsection 1
       - CFIP & High Priority Freight Corridors
   - Chapter 2. Schedules and Submittals
     o Revised Sample Financial Resolution to reflect FAST Act
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- Chapter 5. Programming, TIP Database and References
  - Under Section B TIP Database, added Item 13. Group Projects

In addition, Mr. Asuncion reported that 2019 FTIP Guidelines would be presented to SCAG Transportation Committee and Regional Council on September 7, 2017.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported that there are major changes only in Sections C and D of Chapters 3 while there are no major changes in Chapter 4 of Draft 2019 FTIP Guidelines:
- Six new tables have been added in Section C Required Modeling for Transportation Conformity due to anticipated new transportation conformity budgets. These budgets are included in recently submitted air quality management plans or state implementation plans in SCAG region and are expected to be approved by EPA before federal approval of 2019 FTIP.
- Extensive updates have been made to transit projects while no changes have been made to highway projects in Section D Table III-A Modeling Information.

4.3 RTP Update
Daniel Tran, SCAG, reported the following:
- 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #2 and 2017 FTIP Consistency Amendment #17-07 received approval from FHWA and FTA on August 1, 2017. Electronic copies of Amendments and FHWA/FTA approval letter are available on SCAG’s website.
- SCAG staff planned to make 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #3 in conjunction with 2019 FTIP and would inform County Transportation Commissions in SCAG region once Amendment #3 process is initiated.

4.4 EPA Update
Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported the following:
- EPA had withdrawn its previously announced one-year extension of deadline for promulgating initial area designations for 2015 ozone standards. As a result, EPA planned to complete initial area designations by October 2017.
- Remaining area designations would take longer to complete and would vary case by case. EPA staff would provide updates regarding schedules for these remaining area designations at future meetings.
Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following on behalf of Karina O’Connor, EPA Region 9:

- EPA Region 9 staff had another productive call with other EPA regions who are also interested in obtaining guidance from EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ) on streamlining POAQC process and further clarifying Exempt projects.
- OTAQ would provide more detailed directions which EPA Region 9 staff would work with Caltrans and FHWA California Division to incorporate into a handout for distribution.

4.5 ARB Update
No updates.

4.6 Air Districts Update
No updates.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, acknowledged Wayne Chiou, Caltrans District 12, for his leadership, service, and contribution as TCWG Chair over last twelve months.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.