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:
Abrishami, Lori  Metro
Chu, Philip  SANBAG
Chung, Jeeseong  Metro
Louka, Tony  Caltrans, District 8
Sherwood, Arnie  UC Berkeley
Suh, Elizabeth  CH2M Hill
Zhuang, Hong  CH2M Hill
Zureick, Andrea  SANBAG

SCAG
Asuncion, John
Luo, Rongsheng
Tran, Daniel

Via Teleconference:
Alvarez, Grace  RCTC
Aurasteh, Reza  Caltrans, District 12
Baker, Jillian  SCAQMD
Behtash, Arman  Caltrans, District 12
Brent, Cherry  Dokken Engineering
Cacatian, Ben  VCAPCD
Castro, Fernando  Caltrans, District 7
Chamberlain, Tim  Dokken Engineering
Cooper, Keith  ICF International
DeHate, Eric  RCTC
Gallo, Ilene  Caltrans, District 11
Craig, Kenneth  Sonoma Technology
Moe-Luna, Lorelle  RCTC
Morris, Michael  FHWA
Nord, Greg  OCTA
O’Connor, Karina  EPA, Region 9
Odufalu, Olufemi  Caltrans, District 8
Philips, Heather  ARB
1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION  
Tony Louka, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am and wished TCWG a happy new year. Mr. Louka announced that Dr. Paul Fagan, former TCWG Member representing Caltrans District 8, had retired. He acknowledged Dr. Fagan for his services and contribution to the TCWG.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
There were no public comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR  
3.1 TCWG December 2, 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

Project-Level Conformity and TCM Substitution Requirements for Projects that Convert HOV Lane from Limited Access to Continuous Access Only

At the request of Caltrans District 12 and OCTA, TCWG discussed about the project-level conformity and TCM substitution requirements for projects that convert HOV lane from limited access to continuous access only. It was determined after the meeting that the HOV lane conversion from limited access to continuous access only project is not a transportation project as defined in the Transportation Conformity Regulations. As a result, project-level conformity and TCM substitution are not required.

1) LA0G872  
It was determined that this is not a POAQC.
TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

January 27, 2015
Minutes

2) RIV031209
   It was determined that this is not a POAQC.
   (Updated PM hot spot review forms were received after the meeting for documentation purposes only.)

3) RIV62024
   It was reaffirmed that this is not a POAQC.
   (TCWG concurrence received via email after the meeting.)

4.2 FTIP Update
   John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:
   • 2015 FTIP Amendments #15-01 through #15-03 had received all necessary approvals.
   • 2015 FTIP Amendment #15-04 was under review and expected to be released for public review by January 30, 2015.

4.3 RTP Update
   Daniel Tran, SCAG, reported the following:
   • SCAG staff has been working closely with six County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) for further revising and refining list of projects for 2016-2040 RTP/SCS.
   • Based on input provided by CTCs, approximately 1,900 existing projects will be carried over and 209 new projects will be added.
   • Project list will be submitted to SCAG modeling staff at end of January for modeling.
   • SCAG staff will continue to reach out to CTCs to provide further project clarification to SCAG modelers if needed.
   • Draft release of 2016 RTP/SCS is still on schedule for fall 2015.

   In response to a question, Mr. Tran confirmed that modeling will start in early February 2015.

4.4 TCM Substitution Requests

   Jeeseong Chung, Metro, presented a brief status update on Metro’s TCM substitution technical analysis. Mr. Chung reported that Metro staff will perform a new technical analysis with different substitute projects and expect to present updated technical analysis at next TCWG meeting.
TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

January 27, 2015
Minutes

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, clarified that any substitute TCM project is required to remain a non-committed TCM until conclusion of TCM substitution process.

Andrea Zureick, SANBAG, presented an overview of SANBAG’s request to substitute two Metrolink station park and ride lot expansion TCM projects with a region-wide vanpool program. Ms. Zureick reported that SANBAG’s analysis demonstrates that SANBAG’s TCM substitution meets all requirements.

In response to questions, Ms. Zureick confirmed that the substitute vanpool program is a new program, not in current FTIP yet; she also clarified that consistent growth of the vanpool program over next 20 years contributes to the substantial emission reduction benefits in 2035.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, clarified that SANBAG’s presentation today is to get feedbacks from TCWG; the TCM substitution will be released for a public review; upon conclusion of public review, the TCM substitution will be presented to SCAG’s Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) for approval and SCAG’s Regional Council (RC) for adoption; Upon RC adoption, the TCM substitution will be forwarded to ARB and EPA for concurrence; the TCM substitution will conclude and become effective upon ARB and EPA concurrence.

4.5 EPA Update
Karina O’Connor, EPA Region 9, reported that public comment period for EPA’s proposed clean data finding that South Coast has attained 1997 PM 2.5 standards has closed and one comment was received from Earthjustice.

4.6 ARB Update
Heather Philips, ARB, reported the following:
- EMFAC2014 is available for public use.
- EMFAC2014 has not yet been submitted to EPA for approval but the submittal is expected soon.

In response to a question, Karina O’Connor, EPA Region 9, stated that EPA review will take about three to six months and there will be a grace period for transition from EMFAC2011 to EMFAC 2014.

4.7 Air Districts Update
Jillian Baker, SCAQMD, reported the following:
- Supplement to 2012 South Coast AQMP/PM2.5 SIP has been submitted to ARB.
3.0 INFORMATIONS SHARING
Rodney Tavitas, Caltrans Headquarters, shared the following:
- Next Statewide Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting may be postponed from March to April 2015.
- Caltrans is working with FHWA to offer three California-based basic transportation conformity classes around the state within next six months or so.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.