TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2022
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was held via Zoom teleconference. A digital recording of the meeting is available for listening in SCAG’s office.

Attendee List

SCAG Staff:
Barajas, Agustin
Calderon, Karen
Ekman, Annaleigh
Milner, David
Sangkapichai, Mana
Wen, Frank

Via Teleconference:
Anderson, Kelsie
Arellano, Lexie
Bade, Rabindra
Bagde, Abhijit
Brugger, Ron
Cacatian, Ben
Carpio, Wellvin
Cooper, Keith
Espinoza Araiza, Erika
Hendrawan, Kevin
Huddleston, Lori
Kahrs, Jacqueline
Kulkarni, Anup
Lay, Keith
Lee, David
Lugaro, Julie
Marroquin, Nancy
Masters, Martha
Miranda, Jude
O’Connor, Karina
Richmai, Michael
Rivers, Ricky
Roberts, Mark
Simpson, James
Smolke, Brian
Sun, Lijin
Tavitas, Rodney
Vaughn, Joseph
Whiteaker, Warren
Yoon, Andrew

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South Coast AQMD
Caltrans Headquarters
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MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS
   Karen Calderon, SCAG, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
   None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR
   3.1. December 7, 2021 TCWG Meeting Minutes
        The meeting minutes were approved.
   3.2. January 25, 2022 TCWG Meeting Minutes
        The meeting minutes were deferred to next TCWG Meeting.
   3.3. February 22, 2022 TCWG Meeting Minutes
        The meeting minutes were deferred to next TCWG Meeting.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS
   4.1. RTP Update
        Agustin Barajas, SCAG, reported the following:
        • Connect SoCal Amendment No. 2 was moving forward and was expected to be approved in December 2022.
        • Project input for Connect SoCal Amendment No. 3 was due to SCAG March 15, 2022. Project input would be submitted to SCAG modeling staff upon approval of EMFAC2021. Connect SoCal Amendment No. 3 was expected to be approved in Spring or Summer 2023.

   4.2. FTIP Update
        Agustin Barajas, SCAG, reported the following:
        • 2021 FTIP Administrative Modification #21-18 was approved on March 1, 2022.
        • 2021 FTIP Formal Amendment #21-19 was approved by SCAG and subsequently submitted for State and Federal approvals with expected approval in May 2022.
        • 2021 FTIP Formal Amendment #21-20 was under review.
        • 2021 FTIP Administrative Modification #21-21 and Formal Amendment #21-22 were due to SCAG April 5, 2022.

   4.2.1. Status Update on OCTA TCA TCM Substitution (FTIP IDs 10254, ORA050 & ORA051)
        Karen Calderon, SCAG, provided the following update based on notes from Rongsheng Luo, SCAG:
        • SCAG staff prepared Draft OCTA TCM Substitution Report based on OCTA analysis and released it for 15-day public review which would conclude at 5 pm March 22, 2022.
        • No comments had been received at time of reporting. If any public comments would be received before comment deadline, these comments would be summarized, responded to, and addressed as appropriate in proposed final OCTA TCM Substitution Report.
        • Proposed Final OCTA TCM Substitution Report would be scheduled to be brought to SCAG’s Energy and Environment Committee at its next meeting on April 7 for recommended adoption by SCAG’s Regional Council on May 5.
        • Upon adoption by Regional Council, OCTA TCM Substitution Report would be submitted to ARB and US EPA for their respective concurrence.
        • Upon concurrence by both ARB and US EPA, original TCM projects would be rescinded and new TCM
measures would become effective.

- Substitute TCMs would be processed through an FTIP amendment as committed TCMs into conforming FTIP.

In response to a question asked during meeting, Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, clarified via e-mail after meeting that OCTA TCA TCM Substitution would be included on consent calendar of May Regional Council meeting agenda.

In response to a general question on whether HOV Conversion into ExpressLane project would require a TCM Substitution, Karina O’Connor, EPA, suggested a meeting outside of TCWG to discuss.

4.3. US EPA Update
Karina O’Connor, US EPA Region 9, reported the following:
- US EPA staff continued to work on EMFAC2021 Federal Notice with next step to share the notice with FHWA and CARB for their review.
- US EPA was waiting on revisions to EMFAC2021 to fix a technical bug and a letter to clarify differences between web and desktop versions of EMFAC2021.

4.4. CARB Update
Kevin Hendrawan, CARB, reported the following:
- CARB continued to work with US EPA to submit final EMFAC2021.
- Draft State SIP Strategy was available for public comment.

In response to a question regarding adjustments to ozone conformity budgets in Coachella Valley for Connect SoCal Amendment No. 3, Kevin stated that CARB was working on the issue and would keep TCWG updated on any progress.

4.5. Air District Updates
Lijin Sun, South Coast AQMD, reported the following:
- Development of draft 2022 AQMP continued with staff review of written chapters of the AQMP, and initiation of CEQA analysis.
- AQMD staff review was anticipated to conclude in May 2022.

Ben Cacatian, Ventura County APCD, reported the following:
- APCD staff continued developing draft Ventura County 2022 AQMP and expected to release for public comment in April, May, or even June 2022, dependent on emissions and modeling data from South Coast AQMD and CARB.
- The draft AQMP would include appendices for TCM and RACM analysis.
- Preliminary TCM RACM analysis was completed in January 2022 and had been presented to the public and VCTC for review and comments.
- RACM list of TCMs was developed using current Ventura County AQMP/SIP, AQMPs from other air districts, and TCMs outlined by Clean Air Act.
- Initial Findings of the RACM analysis showed that TCMs that were found to be feasible were already being implemented in Ventura County and had been included in SCAG Connect So Cal and FTIP; TCMs that had been found to be infeasible for Ventura County did not meet the criteria for RACM; and implementation of all feasible TCMs would not advance attainment of 2015 8-hour ozone standard by at least one year.
5. **INFORMATION SHARING**
   Karen Calderon noted that this would have been Paul Phan’s last meeting as TCWG chair. Karen acknowledged and thanked Paul for his service and contribution as TCWG Chair over the past 12 months.

   Karen announced she would be on Maternity Leave, and requested that all TCWG-related requests, including PM Hot Spot Analyses Interagency Review Forms, be sent to Rongsheng Luo (luo@scag.ca.gov) in her absence.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**
   The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.