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  
- Acebo, Mervin  
  RTA  
- Alvarez, Grace  
  RCTC  
- Chung, Jeeseong  
  Metro  
- Galvan, Randy  
  Caltrans, District 8  
- Louka, Tony  
  Caltrans, District 8  
- Mata, Sylvia  
  Caltrans, District 8  
- Moe-luna, Lorelle  
  RCTC  
- Sherwood, Arnie  
  UC Berkeley  
- Walecka, Carla  
  TCA

**SCAG**
- Asuncion, John  
- Luo, Rongsheng  
- Tran, Daniel  
- Zhou, Yanlin

**Via Teleconference:**
- Aurasteh, Reza  
  Caltrans, District 12  
- Burnam, M. Joza  
  Entech Consulting Group  
- Calvert, Ryan  
  ICF  
- Castro, Fernando  
  Caltrans, District 7  
- Christian, Shalanda  
  Caltrans Headquarters  
- Chu, Philip  
  SANBAG  
- Cooper, Keith  
  ICF International  
- DaSilva, Lisa  
  RCTC  
- Gallo, Ilene  
  Caltrans, District 11  
- Gorski, Ray  
  RCTC  
- Hedary, Behar  
  Caltrans, District 12  
- Jones, Michelle  
  Entech Consulting Group  
- Keel, Steve  
  RCTC
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Lui, Jason LSA Associates
Noonan, Sean Parsons
Sheehy, Erin OCTA
Sherini, Andrew RTA
Settle, Jean TCA
Tadros, Edward Parsons
Tavitas, Rodney Caltrans Headquarters
Tax, Wienke EPA
Vaughn, Joseph FHWA
Yoon, Andrew Caltrans, District 7

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION

Tony Louka, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 TCWG January 27, 2015 Meeting Minutes
   The meeting minutes were approved.

3.2 TCWG March 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes
   The meeting minutes were approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms
   1) I605LiveOakOffRamp
      It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

   2) LA0G086
      It was reaffirmed that this is not a POAQC.

   3) ORA111207Memo
      It was reaffirmed that this is not a POAQC.
4) RIV121202
   It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

5) 2002160Interchange
   It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

6) 2002160Widening
   It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

4.2 FTIP Update
John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:
  • 2015 FTIP Amendments #15-01 through #15-05 had received all approvals.
  • 2015 FTIP Amendment #15-06 was under public review ending May 4, 2015.
  • Project submittals for 2015 FTIP Administrative Modification #15-07 were due to SCAG on April 28, 2015.

4.3 RTP Update
Daniel Tran, SCAG, reported the following:
  • SCAG staff was performing scenario planning model runs and planned to share initial scenario performance results at next Transportation Working Group meeting on April 30, 2015.
  • Scenario performance results would be presented at SCAG’s General Assembly to be held on May 7 and May 8, 2015.
  • SCAG will be hosting 2016 RTP/SCS workshops throughout SCAG region in May and June. Purpose of the workshops is to solicit input and feedback from public regarding 2016 RTP/SCS and scenarios. Feedback received will help inform selection of a preferred alternative.
  • Draft 2016 RTP/SCS is expected to be released in October 2015. Federal approval of Final 2016 RTP/SCS is anticipated in June 2016.
  • A micro site for 2016 RTP/SCS was scheduled to be launched on April 30, 2015. More information is available at www.scagrtpscs.net.

In response to a question, Mr. Tran confirmed that FTIP projects included in 2016 RTP/SCS will be amended in 2015 FTIP Amendment #15-10; however, these projects will not be approved until federal approval of 2016 RTP/SCS in June 2016.

4.4 TCM Substitutions
Jeeseong Chung, Metro, presented an overview of technical analysis of Metro’s request to substitute four different park-and-ride facility and bike lane projects for
Long Beach Park and Ride Facility TCM project. Mr. Chung concluded that the technical analysis demonstrates that Metro’s TCM substitution meets all requirements; and formal TCM substitution request will be presented at May 2015 TCWG meeting.

Grace Alvarez and Lorelle Moe-luna, RCTC, and Ray Gorski, RCTC Consultant, presented an overview of RCTC’s request to substitute a new Express Expansion Bus Project for Hemet and Temecula/Murrieta Transit Centers TCM projects. RCTC presentation concluded that RCTC’s TCM substitution request demonstrates meeting TCM substitution requirements.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, clarified that Metro and RCTC TCM substitutions would be released for a 15-day public review and are scheduled to be presented to SCAG’s Energy and Environmental Committee (EEC) in early June for recommendation to SCAG’s Regional Council for adoption.

Mr. Luo reported that SANBAG’s TCM Substitution was adopted by SCAG’s Regional Council on April 2, 2015 and subsequently submitted to EPA and ARB for concurrence.

Philip Chu, SANBAG, reported the following in response to two questions from EPA:
- 2023 and 2035 vanpool estimates were based on a 2% monthly growth rate from SANBAG Regional Vanpool Study.
- Upland and Rialto Park and Ride Lot projects were scheduled to be completed by December 2013 and 2015 respectively while new Vanpool Program is proposed to begin in early 2016, pending conclusion of TCM substitution.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, clarified that once TCM substitution process has been concluded, SANBAG will be required to implement and deliver new vanpool program per proposed scope.

4.5 EPA Update
Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported the following:
- As discussed in March 2015 TCWG meeting, 1997 8-hour Ozone Standard was revoked on April 6, 2015 and FHWA has been moving forward with conformity analysis since then.
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- A Proposed PM$_{2.5}$ Implementation Rule under Subpart 4 was published on March 23, 2015. A public hearing would be held in Washington, DC on April 29, 2015 and public comment period had been extended to May 29, 2015.

4.6 ARB Update
There was no new update.

4.7 Air Districts Update
Jillian Wong, SCAQMD, reported the following:
- In preparation for 2016 AQMP White Papers, SCAQMD held Energy Outlook, VOC Controls, PM Controls, and Off-Road Working Group meetings last month.
- Next Off-Road Working Group meeting would be held on April 29, 2015.
- More information can be found on SCAQMD website at http://www.aqmd.gov/home/about/groups-committees/aqmp-advisory-group/2016-aqmp-white-papers.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, stated that Quantitative PM Hot Spot Analysis for I-15 Express Lane Project was received yesterday but was unable to be forwarded to TCWG before today’s TCWG meeting due to technical difficulties; the quantitative analysis would be sent to TCWG for urgent review after meeting.

Keith Cooper, I-15 Express Lane Project Consultant, stated that initial modeling protocol was discussed by TCWG in August 2014.

Lisa DaSilva, RCTC, stated that environmental document for I-15 Express Lane Project is anticipated to be released in June or July 2015, thus TCWG concurrence on the PM hot spot analysis needs to be made within 30 days.

It was agreed that review of the quantitative hot spot analysis will be conducted between TCWG meetings and concurrence will be made as soon as possible.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.