
**TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**May 22, 2012
Minutes**

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	LA Metro
Nord, Greg	OCTA
Young, Stephanie	VCTC

SCAG

Asuncion, John
Luo, Rongsheng
Nadler, Jonathan
Sangkapichai, Mana
Sherwood, Arnie

Via Teleconference:

Alvarez, Grace	RCTC
Bamanish, Nasin	RCTC
Brady, Mike	Caltrans Headquarters
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Castro, Fernando	Caltrans, District 7
Cosper, George	DMC Design Group
Drummonds, Eyvonne	SCAQMD
Estrella, Romeo	Caltrans, District 12
Fagan, Paul	Caltrans, District 8
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Higgins, Kathryn	SCAQMD
Krebs, Cindy	OCTA
McLaughlin, Gen	PMC
O'Connor, Karina	EPA, Region 9
Odufalu, Olufemi	Caltrans, District 8
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9
Walecka, Carla	TCA
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Greg Nord, OCTA, called the meeting to order at 10:05a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 TCWG April 24, 2012 Meeting Minutes

This item was removed from the agenda at the meeting and will be on the June 26 TCWG meeting agenda.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Qualitative Analyses

1) IMPLS30/ SCAG015

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.
(FHWA concurrence via email on May 24, 2012)

2) RIV071246

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.
(FHWA concurrence via email on May 24, 2012)

3) RIV090402

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.
(FHWA concurrence via email on May 24, 2012)

4.2 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2011 FTIP Amendment #25 had been posted on SCAG website for public review. Public review period would end on May 30, 2012.
- 2011 FTIP Administrative Modification #26 was due to SCAG by May 29.

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- The Draft 2013 FTIP was expected to be released in early July.

4.3 RTP Update

Ryan Kuo, SCAG, provided the following via email:

- SCAG was expecting the FHWA/FTA conformity determination on the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS soon.

4.4 EPA Update

Karina O'Connor, EPA, reported the following:

- EPA had published two rules related to the 2008 Ozone Standards in the Federal Register which start the one year conformity grace period for the new standards. The rules will be effective on July 20, 2012. The Ozone boundary in SCAG region is similar to that for the 1997 standards, except for two new tribal areas.
- EPA is moving forward with the implementation of highway sanctions in Imperial County. EPA thanked involved parties for sending the revised project list which is under review by FHWA. EPA will set up a federal agency meeting next week, follow by another interagency consultation meeting.

Wienke Tax, EPA, reported the following:

- EPA had another mediation conference last Wednesday and was making good progress. However, the rule re-submission and approval may not be in time to stop the sanction clock. There will be a settlement agreement that will go out for public comment.
- EPA completed the final actions on the South Coast PM2.5 SIP with the partial disapproval of contingency measures in November of 2011 and was later sued on those actions in January 2012. EPA will be getting the petitioner opening brief on June 29, 2012.
- EPA was also sued on the 2007 South Coast Ozone SIP that was published on March 1, 2012. The petitioner brief is due July 19, 2012 and the reply brief is due on August 20, 2012.

In response to questions, Ms. O'Connor stated that the new conformity determination will be needed for the new ozone standards within the one-year grace period. The air quality plan for the new ozone standards will be due in summer of 2015.

Arnie Sherwood, SCAG, suggested that the new conformity determination can be included in the 2013 FTIP.

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In response to questions, Ms. Tax stated that in the case of South Coast PM2.5 SIP lawsuit, there will be an opening brief on June 29, 2012, EPA response brief on September 28, 2012, intervener brief by the end of October, 2012, petitioner reply brief in December, 2012, and then the argument date will be set sometime in 2013.

4.5 ARB Update

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, on behalf of Jason Crow, ARB, reported the following:

- ARB staff presented to EPA a proposed approach on EMFAC2011 Guidance for PM Hot-spot Analysis. EPA seemed to be receptive to the approach. The updated draft approach would be provided to EPA this week.

4.6 Air Districts Update

Eyvonne Drummonds, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- The Draft 2012 AQMP was expected to be released in June and the adoption in fall of 2012.
- The next AQMP Advisory Group Meeting was scheduled on June 21, 2012 but might be moved up to June 14.

4.6.1 Update on the Draft 2012 South Coast AQMP Appendix IV-C: Regional Transportation Strategy and Control Measures

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, presented a detailed overview of the Draft Appendix IV-C.

- The Draft 2012 AQMP Appendix IV-C consists of the Executive Summary, three Sections and two Attachments.
- Summarizing the regional transportation strategy and control measures, the Executive Summary is an overview of the three Sections that follow.
- Section I. Linking Regional Transportation Planning to Air Quality Planning includes a brief description of federal and state requirements and an overview of Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).
- Section II. Regional Transportation Strategy and TCMs is a summary of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS which contains the comprehensive transportation investments and the new SCS. The Section also compares regional transportation emissions between the RTP Plan and the RTP Baseline. TCMs included in the Section are derived from the 2012 RTP/SCS and 2011 FTIP, as amended. The Section also estimates TCM emission reduction benefits by comparing the RTP Plan and the AQMP Baseline.
- Section III. Reasonably Available Control Measure Analysis assemblies and reviews transportation control measures that are in the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, measures identified by EPA, and relevant measures adopted in ten other non-

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attainment areas in seven states. The transportation control measures analyzed in this Section are virtually the same as those in the RACM Analysis in the 2007 AQMP: only four candidate measures are added and one measure was removed. It is determined that the transportation control measures being implemented in the South Coast Air Basin are inclusive of all RACM and that none of the candidate measures reviewed meets the criteria for RACM implementation.

- Attachment A is a list of individual TCMs by county and Attachment B is a list of RACM by category with implementation status, reason of justification if not being implemented, and implemented agency/agencies if being implemented.
- Next Steps:
 - The Draft would be presented to SCAG Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) on June 7, 2012.
 - Upon EEC's approval, the Draft would be transmitted to SCAQMD in June 2012.
 - The Draft will be released for public review as part of the Draft 2012 AQMP.
 - After the public review, the Final Appendix IV-C will be presented to SCAG Regional Council for adoption.
 - Upon the Regional Council's adoption, the Final Appendix IV-C will be transmitted to SCAQMD for inclusion into the Final 2012 AQMP.

5.0 **INFORMATION SHARING**

None

6.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on June 26, 2012 at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.