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

**June 26, 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	Metro
Nord, Greg	OCTA
Walecka, Carla	TCA

SCAG

Asuncion, John
Block, Justine
Luo, Rongsheng
Sangkapichai, Mana
Sherwood, Arnie

Via Teleconference:

Aurasteh, Reza	Caltrans, District 12
Behtash, Arman	Caltrans, District 12
Brady, Mike	Caltrans Headquarters
Castro, Fernando	Caltrans, District 7
Cooper, Keith	ICFI
Crow, Jason	ARB
Fagan, Paul	Caltrans, District 8
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Gomez, Carol	SCAQMD
Higgins, Kathryn	SCAQMD
Joshi, Melissa	Caltrans, District 7
Lay, Keith	LSA
O'Connor, Karina	EPA, Region 9
Sonnenberg, Stew	FHWA
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9
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

The minutes were approved.

3.2 TCWG May 22, 2012 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) ORA100511

It was determined that this is a POAQC and thus a qualitative hot spot analysis is required.

2) 20110110

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

4.2 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Draft 2013 FTIP:

- \$32.5 billion programmed for transportation improvements over six years in the SCAG region.
- A summary of 2013 FTIP by funding source, by program, and by county was also provided.

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- The Draft 2013 FTIP meets five transportation conformity tests.
- Approval timelines:
 - ✓ July 2012 – release of the draft FTIP for a 30-day public review.
 - ✓ September 2012 – approval by SCAG Transportation Committee (TC) and Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) and adoption by SCAG Regional Council (RC) and transmittal to funding agencies.
 - ✓ November 2012 – Caltrans approval and transmittal to FHWA/FTA.
 - ✓ December 2012 – Federal approval of the 2013 FTIP.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following:

- Draft conformity analysis for the 2013 FTIP included three sections:
 - ✓ Section I: Summary of Conformity Requirements and Findings
 - ✓ Section II: Regional Emission Analysis
 - ✓ Section III: Timely Implementation TCMs
- The draft conformity analysis demonstrates that the Draft 2013 FTIP meets all conformity requirements.
- The draft conformity analysis would be presented to SCAG ECC as an information item on July 5 and subsequently released for public review as part of the Draft 2013 FTIP Document. After the public review process, the final conformity analysis will be presented to SCAG ECC for recommendation to SCAG RC for final adoption.

In response to a question, Mr. Asuncion stated that two public hearings would be held on July 19 and July 26, 2012 respectively. Times and locations of the public hearings would be announced later.

4.3 RTP Update

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following on behalf of Ryan Kuo, SCAG:

- SCAG received the federal conformity determination for the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS on June 4, 2012.

4.4 EPA Update

Karina O'Connor, EPA, provided an update on the Imperial County Highway Sanctions:

- A staff-level interagency consultation meeting/teleconference was held on June 5th.
- EPA and FHWA received a project list from SCAG later that week.
- The first executive-level meeting/teleconference was held on June 21 to discuss the project list and the sanction process.

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- EPA would meet with FHWA later today to discuss the project list.
- If necessary, FHWA would request additional information for the projects on the project list on July 8.
- EPA would set up another staff-level interagency consultation meeting/teleconference early July.
- FHWA will notify California Governor or his designee on July 25, 2012.

Wienke Tax, EPA, reported the following:

- EPA and other parties in the lawsuit about the Imperial County Highway Sanctions had reached an agreement in principle subject to final documentation review and approval by official settlement authority. However, there are some local, state and federal processes that have to be met before the sanctions can be stayed or terminated. EPA believed that the sanctions will be imposed in August but was not sure how long the sanctions will last.
- EPA proposed the revised annual PM_{2.5} standard on June 15 and will have a public workshop on July 19 in Sacramento from 9 am – 9 pm.

In response to a question, Mike Brady, Caltrans Headquarters, stated that the status of sanction clocks can be found at

http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air_quality/highway_sanctions/sanctionsclock.cfm

4.5 ARB Update

Jason Crow, ARB, reported the following:

- ARB continued working with EPA on implementation of EMFAC2011.
- ARB had provided EPA with a draft approach of the EMFAC2011 Guidance for PM Hot-Spot Analysis. After receiving concurrence from EPA, it will be shared with public before it is finalized.

In response to a question, Ms. O'Connor, EPA, stated that the approval of EMFAC2011 will have to go through the Federal Register process but EPA will only need to publish notice of findings on the model. EPA's approval will start the grace period for both the regional and project level conformity analysis.

4.6 Air Districts Update

Kathryn Higgins, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- At the June 14 AQMP Advisory Group Meeting:
 - ✓ Some categories of the control measures discussed; and

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- ✓ It was announced that the draft of 2012 AQMP was expected to be released around the end of June, followed by a public review process and four-county public workshops.
- The next AQMP Advisory Group Meeting was scheduled on July 26, 2012.

In response to a question, Ms. Higgins stated that the final public hearing and approval were anticipated at the Governing Board meeting on October 5, 2012.

5.0 **INFORMATION SHARING**

None

6.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on July 24, 2012 at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.