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:
Huddleston, Lori  Metro
Ramirez, Janell  Metro

SCAG:
Karwa, Amina
Luo, Rongsheng
Ng, Emily
Tran, Daniel

Via Teleconference:
Brady, Mike  ICF
Brugger, Ron  LSA Associates
Christian, Shalanda  Caltrans Headquarters
Cooper, Keith  ICF
Gallo, Ilene  Caltrans District 11
Hudson, Kerrie  Caltrans District 8
Krause, Michael  SCAQMD
Lau, Charles  Caltrans District 7
Lay, Keith  HDR Engineering
Lugaro, Julie  Caltrans District 12
Nord, Greg  OCTA
O’Connor, Karina  EPA Region 9
Pereira, Melina  Caltrans District 11
Sherwood, Arnold  UCB
Tavitas, Rodney  Caltrans Headquarters
Yoon, Andrew  Caltrans District 7
1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION
Lori Huddleston, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
None.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR
3.1. April 24, 2018 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

3.2. May 22, 2018 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS
4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Form
1) 1163S003
   It was determined that this is not a POAQC (FHWA concurrence received via email after the meeting).

2) LA0G1115 and LA0G1118
   It was determined that this is not a POAQC (FHWA concurrence received via email after the meeting).

3) 1163S004 (FTIP Project ID LA0G1452 Upon FTIP Amendment)
   It was determined that this is not a POAQC (FHWA concurrence received via email after the meeting).

4.2 FTIP Update
Daniel Tran, SCAG, reported the following on behalf of John Asuncion, SCAG:
   • SCAG Executive Administration Committee (EAC) would be asked to authorize release of Draft 2019 FTIP for a 30-day public review and comment period beginning on July 9, 2018 and concluding on August 8, 2018.
   • Project input for 2017 FTIP Amendment #17-22 was due by noon June 26.
4.3 RTP Update
Daniel Tran, SCAG, reported the following:
- SCAG EA would also consider release of Draft 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #3 for concurrent 30-day public review and comment period.
- Local agencies were encouraged to review and provide comments.
- Two public hearings would be held on July 17, 2018 at 10 a.m. and July 26, 2018 at 3 p.m. at SCAG’s main office in downtown Los Angeles with video conferencing at SCAG regional offices. More information including how to comment can be found on www.scagrcpscs.net starting on July 9.

4.4 OCTA TCM Substitution Status Update
Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following:
- As previously reported to TCWG, SCAG staff had prepared a Draft OCTA TCM Substitution Report for replacing SR-241/91 Express Lanes Connector committed TCM project with three traffic signal synchronization projects in Orange County.
- Draft Report was released for a 30-day public review concluding on May 30, 2018. No public comments were received.
- Final OCTA TCM Substitution Report was scheduled to be presented to SCAG’s Energy and Environmental Committee in September 2018 for recommendation to SCAG’s Regional Council for adoption due to no meetings in July and August.
- Upon adoption by Regional Council, final TCM substitution analysis would be submitted to ARB and U.S. EPA for their respective concurrences.
- OCTA TCM substitution was expected to be completed by November 2018.

4.5 EPA Update
Karina O’Connor, EPA Region 9, reported the following:
- To streamline process, U.S. EPA also had recently updated PM Hot Spot Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) including examples of projects that are or are not expected to be POAQC as discussed at previous TCWG and Statewide Conformity Working Group meetings.

Rodney Tavitas, Caltrans Headquarters, thanked U.S. EPA especially for giving a better definition of auxiliary lanes, and stated that he would be updating Caltrans’ Clarifications and Exemptions and the updated language would be sent to Statewide...
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Working Group. Mr. Tavitas further confirmed that both U.S. EPA’s FAQs and Caltrans’ Clarifications and Exemptions will be posted on Statewide Conformity Working Group webpage.

4.6 Air Resources Board Update
There was no new ARB update.

4.7 Air Districts Update
Michael Krause, SCAQMD, reported the following:
- SCAQMD staff was continuing implementation of control measures in 2016 South Coast AQMP.
- Effective August 3, 2018, South Coast Air Basin had been designated as an Extreme nonattainment area under 2016 Ozone NAAQS with a statutory attainment deadline of 2038.
- Next South Coast AQMP was anticipated to be due in 2022 pending U.S. EPA’s final SIP implementation rule.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

Rodney Tavitas, Caltrans Headquarters, announced that he would be on a four-month acting assignment; although he would continue to be available for questions, Lucas Sanchez and Shalanda Christian would take over his roles.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am. The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at the SCAG main office in downtown Los Angeles.