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

**July 22, 2014
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
Chandan, Meenu	Caltrans, District 8
Hosseini, Ehsan	Terry Hayes Associates
Jeffery, Edison	Caltrans, District 8
Louka, Tony	Caltrans, District 8
Pham, Hoang	Caltrans, District 8
Silverman, Sam	Terry Hayes Associates
Sherwood, Arnie	
Walecka, Carla	TCA

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Asuncion, John
Luo, Rongsheng

Via Teleconference:

Alvarez, Grace	RCTC
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Ejlalmaneshan, Susan	Caltrans Headquarters
Fagan, Paul	Caltrans, District 8
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Garcia, Dan	SCAQMD
Lay, Keith	LSA Associates
Morris, Michael	FHWA
O'Connor, Karina	EPA, Region 9
Odufalu, Olufemi	Caltrans, District 8
Sangkapichai, Mana	SCAG
Todaro, Ryan	Parsons
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans Headquarters
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9
Tisopulos, Tara	OCTA
Vaughn, Joseph	FHWA
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION

Tony Louka, Caltrans District 8, 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 April 22, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved.

3.2 TCWG May 27, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved.

3.3 TCWG June 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) LA0G874

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

4.2 Review of PM Hot Spot Quantitative Analysis

1) 0C2500

TCWG discussed about and provided comments on the modeling protocol.
TCWG will provide additional comments after the meeting.

2) 20111625

The item was deferred to next meeting.

3) RIV071267

The item was deferred to next meeting.

4.3 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2013 FTIP Amendment #13-19 had received federal approval.
- 2013 FTIP Administrative Modification #13-20 was anticipated to be approved by early next week.

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- Draft 2015 FTIP was under 30-day public review; first public hearing was held on July 10, and second public hearing would be held on July 24; 2015 FTIP is expected to be approved by SCAG's Regional Council in early September 2014 and by FHWA/FTA in mid-December 2014.

4.4 RTP Update

There was no new update.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, noted that Draft 2012-2035 RTP/SCS Amendment No. 2 was undergoing concurrent public review with 2015 FTIP including the two public hearings.

4.5 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported the following:

- EPA staff was in the process of responding to 1) six comments received regarding EPA's proposed approval of South Coast 1-hour ozone attainment demonstration and 2) one comment received regarding EPA's proposed approval of South Coast 1-hour and 1997 8-hour ozone VMT offset demonstrations.
- EPA would finalize these two approvals by settlement deadline of August 13, 2014.

4.6 ARB Update

There was no new update.

4.7 Air Districts Update

Dan Garcia, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- Two elements of South Coast 2016 AQMP - 2012 Baseline Emission Inventory and RACT Demonstration - had been submitted by ARB to EPA.
- Seven of nine policy white paper working groups had met and discussed goals of their respective white papers; all meetings were open to public; and meeting dates and times are available on SCAQMD's website.
- 2016 AQMP Advisory Group intends to meet only periodically in 2014 but is anticipated to meet monthly in 2015 and 2016; and meeting information is provided on SCAQMD's website.

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported the following:

- VCAPCD had also submitted two elements of its AQMP - 2012 Baseline Emission Inventory and RACT Demonstration.

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5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

As a follow-up to June 24, 2014 TCWG meeting, Andrew Yoon, Caltrans District 7, clarified that if a new project would make Metro ExpressLanes as a permanent installation, a new hot spot interagency review form or analysis would be required.

In response to a question, Mr. Yoon confirmed that full environmental analysis had been done for the ExpressLanes.

In response to a different question, Lori Abrishami, Metro, confirmed that she would provide link to Metro's Final Report submitted to FHWA on the ExpressLanes (link was emailed to TCWG after the meeting:

http://media.metro.net/projects_studies/expresslanes/images/public_reports_fhwa_04-2014.pdf).

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.