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         TCA
Walecka, Carla          

SCAG
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
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.
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, VCAPOCD, reported the following:
- VCAPOCD had also submitted two elements of its AQMP - 2012 Baseline Emission Inventory and RACT Demonstration.
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.