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

**October 27, 2015
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
Morris, Michael	FHWA
Nord, Greg	OCTA
Sherwood, Arnie	UC Berkeley

SCAG

Asuncion, John
Au, Anita
Christie, David
Luo, Rongsheng
Tran, Daniel
Zhou, Yanlin

Via Teleconference:

Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Castro, Fernando	Caltrans, District 7
Christian, Shalanda	Caltrans Headquarters
Chu, Philip	SANBAG
DeHate, Eric	RCTC
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Hudson, Kerrie	Caltrans, District 8
O'Connor, Karina	EPA, Region 9
De la Garza, Joe	Parsons Brinckerhoff
Shaffer, Melissa	SCAQMD
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9
Tajes, Edward	Parsons Brinckerhoff
Tisopulos, Tara	OCTA
Wong, Jillian	SCAQMD
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION

Greg Nord, OCTA, 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 August 25, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were deferred to next meeting.

3.2 TCWG September 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were deferred to next meeting.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) RIV121202rev

It was reaffirmed that this is not a POAQC.

4.2 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2015 FTIP Amendment #15-13 was under state and federal review for approval.
- County submittal for 2015 FTIP Administrative Modification #15-14 would be due to SCAG on November 3, 2015.
- Final 2017 FTIP Guidelines were approved by SCAG's Regional Council in October 2015.

4.3 RTP Update

Daniel Tran, SCAG, reported the following:

- Draft 2016 RTP/SCS and Draft 2016 RTP/SCS PEIR were anticipated to be released concurrently for public review on December 3, 2015.
- SCAG will hold a minimum of three public hearings and 12 informational meetings throughout the SCAG region in January 2016 for public input.

4.4 2016 RTP/SCS Conformity Analysis Update

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, provided a brief status update on transportation conformity analysis for Draft 2016 RTP/SCS including the four required conformity tests:

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- Regional Emissions Tests: SCAG staff had completed all regional transportation model runs for over ten milestone years. For 2021, 2031, and 2040, SCAG staff also did no-build model runs for interim tests for areas without conformity budgets. In terms of emission modeling, SCAG staff was running both EMFAC2011 and EMFAC2014 for all 19 nonattainment and maintenance areas in SCAG region.
- TCM Timely Implementation Test: SCAG staff had gathered all project status updates from CTCs and was still working with CTCs to finalize the reporting. For several committed TCMs that cannot be delivered, SCAG staff had either completed, undertaken or will initiate TCM substitution process. SCAG staff expects to demonstrate timely implementation of all committed TCMs in two air basins that have TCMs.
- Fiscal Constraint Test: SCAG's Transportation Finance Department had been preparing the transportation finance appendix to demonstrate that Draft 2016 RTP/SCS meets fiscal constraint test.
- Interagency Consultation and Public Involvement Test: TCWG is the forum for interagency consultation. SCAG staff has been providing ongoing updates regarding Draft 2016 RTP/SCS. Twenty public workshops had been completed in first round of 2016 RTP/SCS Outreach Workshops to solicit input for the public for development of Draft 2016 RTP/SCS. SCAG staff was going to have additional public outreach efforts and would have additional interagency consultation.
- Draft transportation conformity analysis was scheduled to be presented to TCWG for further interagency consultation at next TCWG meeting. Draft transportation conformity analysis was scheduled to be released for public review as part of Draft 2016 RTP/SCS on December 3, 2015. All comments on the draft conformity analysis will be documented and responded to and final transportation conformity analysis is expected to be adopted as part of Final 2016 RTP/SCS by SCAG's Regional Council in early April 2016. Final federal conformity determination is needed by early June 2016.

4.5 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA, Region 9, reported the following:

- On October 20, 2015, EPA published a proposed rule to approve most of 2012 South Coast AQMP and to reclassify South Coast from Moderate to Serious nonattainment area under 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS. In consultation with transportation and air agencies, EPA agreed to not act on the PM_{2.5} emission budgets in 2012 AQMP so conformity analysis will still rely on previously approved PM_{2.5} budgets.

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- EPA was in process of negotiating a consent decree for a final action on 2012 South Coast AQMP; the section 113(g) public notice was published on October 21, 2015 soliciting public comment on the agreement; and EPA was proposing March 15, 2016 as deadline for final action.

In response to questions, Wienke Tax, EPA, Region 9, clarified the following:

- The settlement was for a standard deadline lawsuit because EPA didn't act on 2012 South Coast AQMP by CAA deadline of 18 months or August 2014.
- South Coast Air Basin was proposed to be reclassified as a Serious nonattainment area under 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} standards. Therefore, a new SIP is-was proposed to be due within four years with attainment deadline as December 31, 2019 and the SIP will have new PM_{2.5} emission budgets which are expected to be based on EMFAC2014.

Karina O'Connor, EPA, Region 9, reported the following:

- EPA had completed consultation with U.S. DOT on EMFAC2014 grace period. EPA was waiting for comments from Caltrans Headquarters on the Federal Register notice and the notice was anticipated to be released in November 2015.
- As a reminder, regional conformity re-determination for 2012 annual PM_{2.5} standard must be completed and approved by U.S. DOT by April 2016.

4.6 ARB Update

No new update.

4.7 Air District Update

Jillian Wong, SCAQMD, reported that the next 2016 South Coast AQMP Advisory Group meeting would be held on October 28, 2015 in the afternoon at SCAQMD headquarters.

In response to a question, Ms. Wong, SCAQMD, clarified that 2016 South Coast AQMP will include new SIP to address the "Serious" reclassification under 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} standards.

In response to a question, Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, clarified that Draft Ventura County AQMP will be released in February 2016.

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5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

Jillian Wong, SCAQMD, stated that ARB staff would present ARB's Proposed Mobile Source Strategy and a draft write-up of Stationary Source Control Measures was also expected to be available at the next 2016 South Coast AQMP Advisory Group meeting. Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, added that Huasha Liu, SCAG, would also present an update on SCAG's Draft 2016 RTP/SCS at the 2016 AQMP Advisory Group meeting.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.