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
Morris, Michael  
FHWA

**SCAG:**
Asuncion, John  
Luo, Rongsheng  
Tran, Daniel

**Via Teleconference:**
Brugger, Ronald  
LSA Associates, Inc.
Cacatian, Ben  
VCAPCD
Gallo, Ilene  
Caltrans District 11
Lugaro, Julie  
Caltrans District 12
Mortenson, Marilee  
Caltrans Headquarters
O’Connor, Karina  
EPA Region 9
Sherwood, Arnold  
UCB
Tavitas, Rodney  
Caltrans Headquarters
Walecka, Carla  
TCA
TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

April 24, 2018
Minutes

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. March 27, 2018 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 FTIP Update
John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:
• 2019 FTIP was on schedule to be adopted by SCAG’s Regional Council in September 2018 with anticipated state and federal approvals in November and mid-December 2018 respectively.
• All 2017 FTIP amendments through Amendment #17-18 had received all necessary approvals.
• 2017 FTIP Amendment #17-19 was expected to be posted by April 27, 2018.

4.2 RTP Update
Daniel Tran, SCAG, reported the following:
• SCAG staff was in the process of conducting 2016 RTP/SCS Consistency Amendment #3 to 2019 FTIP.
• Development schedule of 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #3 would follow that of 2019 FTIP.

4.3 EPA Update
Karina O’Connor, EPA Region 9, reported the following:
• EPA had submitted a petition to U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit for a panel rehearing on the Court’s recent decision striking down portions of EPA’s 2008 Ozone NAAQS SIP Requirements Rule.
• EPA was working on guidance as well as response to a number of comment letters regarding implementation of 1997 ozone standards.
In response to a question, it was confirmed that FHWA/FTA had issued an interim guidance regarding transportation conformity requirements for certain pending planning and project development actions under FHWA/FTA programs.

In response to another question, Karina O’Connor, EPA Region 9, stated that EPA would need to develop a guidance upon Court’s decision on EPA petition. Ms. O’Connor also alerted that SCAQMD had also submitted a petition for panel rehearing regarding use of 2011 as base year in 2016 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan.

(At request of TCWG, the FHWA/FTA interim guidance, EPA’s petition, and SCAQMD’s petition were emailed to TCWG after the meeting.)

4.4 ARB Update
Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following on behalf of ARB staff:
- EMFAC2017 was scheduled to be submitted to US EPA for review and approval in May 2018.
- ARB staff was testing transportation conformity budgets with EMFAC2017.

4.5 Air Districts Update
Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported that Ali Ghasemi, former SCAQMD staff, was hired as VCAPCD’s new Planning & Evaluation Division Manager.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported that he attended Tony Louka’s retirement luncheon earlier this month and presented him with SCAG’s Certificate of Appreciation. Mr. Luo expressed his thanks to Mr. Louka again for Mr. Louka’s long term service and contributions and best wishes to Mr. Louka for a very happy retirement.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 am. The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at the SCAG main office in downtown Los Angeles.