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

**January 28, 2020
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

Huddleston, Lori

Metro

SCAG

Brooks, Blake

Calderon, Karen

Luo, Rongsheng

McAlpine, Shannon

Sangkapichai, Mana

Via Teleconference

Agyakwa, Kwasi

Bade, Rabindra

Brugger, Ron

Cacatian, Ben

Chu, Philip

Lee, David

Lugaro, Julie

Masters, Martha

McFall, Valerie

Owen, Rob

O'Connor, Karina

Sun, Lijin

Tax, Wienke

Yoon, Andrew

Caltrans, District 8

Caltrans, District 12

LSA Associates

VCAPCD

SBCTA

Caltrans, District 8

Caltrans, District 12

RCTC

Transportation Corridor Agencies

Caltrans, District 11

EPA Region 9

SCAQMD

EPA Region 9

Caltrans, District 7

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am on behalf of new TCWG Chair Martha Masters, RCTC.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 September 24, 2019 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

3.2 October 22, 2019 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

3.3 December 3, 2019 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms
1) LALS06

It was determined that this project is not a POAQC (Caltrans Headquarters and FHWA concurrences were received after the meeting).

4.2 RTP Update
None.

4.3 FTIP Update
None.

4.4 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported the following:

- On January 17, 2020, EPA published a proposed action for Coachella Valley 2008 8-hour Ozone Standard SIP. Comments were due by February 18, 2020.
- On January 15, 2020, EPA published a final approval of submittal deadline of Coachella Valley Extreme ozone nonattainment area SIP under 1997 8-hour Ozone Standard by February 14, 2021.

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- On November 1, 2019, EPA published a proposed approval of Imperial County 2008 8-hour ozone standard SIP. Two comments were received. EPA had a court ordered deadline to finalize the action by February 13, 2020.
- On December 20, 2019, EPA published a proposed action for Ventura County 2008 8-hour ozone standard SIP. Six comments were received. There is no court ordered deadline for this SIP.

In response to a question, Karina O'Connor, EPA Region 9, confirmed that EPA was acting on new ozone transportation conformity budgets as part of Imperial County 2008 8-hour ozone standard SIP.

Ms. Tax announced that this was her final TCWG meeting as she was retiring from EPA. She acknowledged TCWG as a model for interagency consultation on transportation conformity and SIP issues.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, thanked Ms. Tax for her on-going involvement with TCWG and great help to SCAG staff since September 2008 and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of SCAG for her dedicated service and distinguished contribution as an exemplary member of TCWG.

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

- No new updates on SAFE Vehicles Rule Part 1 but anticipated an update by next month.
- SAFE Vehicles Rule Part 2 was under review by Office of Management and Budget, usually the last step before public release.

In response to a question, Ms. O'Conner stated that EPA staff had been working with FHWA staff on options and anticipated that EPA would issue some directions on Part 1 Rule within next couple of weeks.

4.5 ARB Update

On behalf of Nesamani Kalandiyur, ARB, Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported that there was no new ARB update.

4.6 Air Districts Update

Lijin Sun, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- 2022 AQMP was under development to address 2015 8-hour ozone standard. Next AQMP Advisory Group meeting was anticipated in April 2020.

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- SCAQMD staff was working on Reasonable Available Control Technology (RACT) Analysis which is due to EPA in August. This item will go to SCAQMD Governing Board in June 2020.
- SCAQMD staff was also working with ARB on Draft 2017 Baseline Emissions Inventory and VMT Offset Demonstration, both due to EPA in August 2020.

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported the following:

- In Ventura County 2008 8-hour ozone standard SIP, ARB requested EPA to limit duration of its approval of ozone budgets in the SIP so subsequent replacement budgets may be submitted directly without a SIP update.
- VCAPCD staff was working with ARB on development of 2015 8-hour ozone standard SIP including baseline emissions inventory and RACT analysis for submittal to EPA in 2021.

In response to a question, Karina O’Conner, EPA Region 9, confirmed that EPA’s approval of ARB’s request to limit duration of its approval of ozone budgets applies to all submitted 2008 8-hour ozone standard SIPs in SCAG region.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, congratulated Wienke Tax again on her upcoming retirement and wished her a very happy retirement.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 am. The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at the SCAG main office in downtown Los Angeles.