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

**March 26, 2019
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
Mejia, James	SBCTA

SCAG:

Asuncion, John
Louie, Matthew
Luo, Rongsheng

Via Teleconference:

Brugger, Ron	LSA
Burnam, Joza	ESA
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Chiou, Wayne	Caltrans, District 12
Hatcher, Shannon	ARB
Kalandiyur, Nesamani	ARB
Lay, Keith	HDR
McFall, Valarie	TCA
O'Connor, Karina	EPA Region 9
Pereira, Melina	Caltrans, District 11
Priest, Todd	TP&A
Slavick, Michael	LSA
Sun, Lijin	SCAQMD
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans District 7

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION

James Mejia, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

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3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1. February 26, 2019 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Form

1) RIV071252

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

2) UpdatedSR74WideningProject

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3) 20179901

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- 4.2 Updated Proposed Framework of Regional Emissions Analysis for SCAG's Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS)

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following:

- In response to TCWG comments and SCAG's confirmation of 2020 as first year of Connect SoCal, previously proposed framework had been updated to include more detailed information about proposed regional emission tests for every nonattainment and maintenance areas in SCAG region.
- Each updated emission test table includes updated analysis years, reasons for each analysis year, whether plan emission will be based on modeling or interpolation, applicable emission budgets, and source of the budgets.
- For areas where new conformity emission budgets were under U.S. EPA's review, a second table of emission test in same format had been prepared to reflect these upcoming budgets. These additional set of tables are for informational purposes only until new conformity emission budgets have been approved by U.S. EPA.
- If and when new budgets would be approved by U.S. EPA before FHWA/FTA's approval of final conformity determination for Connect SoCal, associated new table(s) would supersede preceding table(s).

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4.3 Draft Transportation Conformity Re-Determination for 2016 RTP/SCS and 2019 FTIP for 2015 8-Hour Ozone Standards

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following:

- Transportation conformity was required to be re-determination for 2016 RTP/SCS and 2019 FTIP under 2015 8-hour ozone standards by August 3, 2019.
- SCAG staff had performed conformity re-determination analysis demonstrating positive conformity findings.
- The analysis was released for a 15-day public review commencing on March 13, 2019 and would conclude on March 28, 2019.
- The analysis was being presented to TCWG on March 26, 2019 for interagency consultation.
- After conclusion of public review period, all received comments would be documented, responded to, and addressed as appropriate in final report.
- Conformity re-determination was planned to be presented to SCAG's Energy and Environmental Committee for recommendation to SCAG's Regional Council for adoption on April 4, 2019.
- Upon adoption by Regional Council, conformity re-determination would be submitted to FHWA and FTA for their expedited review and approval.

4.4 RTP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported that SCAG staff continued development of Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS) with anticipated draft release in Fall 2019.

In response to a question, Mr. Asuncion, SCAG, stated that no additional projects would be accepted until Draft Connect SoCal is released.

4.5 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- County projects submittal for next 2019 FTIP amendment would be due to SCAG on April 9, 2019.
- 2021 FTIP Guidelines were under development.
- County projects submittal for 2021 FTIP would be due to SCAG in January 2020.

4.6 EPA Update

Karina O'Connor, EPA Region 9, reported that EPA staff was still working on previously reported letters regarding South Coast NO₂ conformity and OCTA TCM substitution.

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4.7 ARB Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur, ARB, reported the following:

- ARB staff continued review of OCTA TCM substitution and would send final review letter to U.S. EPA and SCAG when ready.
- EMFAC2017 was still under U.S. EPA review.
- Final Draft SCS Program Evaluation Guidelines were anticipated to be released shortly and a workshop would be held on April 3, 2019.

4.8 Air Districts Update

Lijin Sun, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- SCAQMD staff held a working group meeting for Warehouse Indirect Source Rule on March 22, 2019.
- SCAQMD staff would hold a mobile source measure working group meeting regarding new development and re-development projects on March 29, 2019 at SCAQMD Headquarters in Diamond Bar.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

Karina O'Connor, EPA Region 9, announced that EPA headquarters were considering a hot spot training class in Ann Arbor, Michigan and requested an email of interest from those who are interested in hot spot training class either in Michigan or in California.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 am. The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at the SCAG main office in downtown Los Angeles.