



TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was held via Zoom, teleconference, and in-person. A digital recording of the meeting is available for listening in SCAG's office.

Attendee List

SCAG Staff:

*Asuncion, John
Calderon, Karen
Jimenez, Diego
Lo, Nancy
Luo, Rongsheng
Sun, Lijin*

Via Teleconference:

*Anderson, Kelsie
Bade, Rabindra
Becha, Karishma
Brugger, Ron
Carpio, Wellvin
Chan, Daniel
Emery, Edward
Fung, Hank
Galbreath, Holly
Garfield, Andrew
Hendrawan, Kevin
Henkelman, John
Huddleston, Lori
Lay, Keith
Lee, David
Lee, Sang-Mi
Lods, Barbara
Lugaro, Julie
Marroquin, Nancy
Masters, Martha
Maulano, Annabelle
Miranda, Jude
Morris, Michael
Muñoz, Samantha
O'Connor, Karina
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Tavitas, Rodney
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Yoon, Andrew*

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MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Andrew Yoon, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1. April 25, 2023 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Form

- LAF3136: It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.
- RIV150901A: It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.
- LA9919118: Clarification was requested on the average daily traffic (ADT) tables depicting decreases in truck volumes between the opening year (2029) and the horizon year (2045). No determination was made at the meeting.
- SBD990218: It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.

4.2. RTP Update

Nancy Lo, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff released the revisions to the Draft Connect SoCal Amendment No. 3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 for an additional 15-day public review period from April 26, 2023 to May 11, 2023. TCWG was notified of the availability of the revisions.
- The draft Amendments document and the revisions to the draft Amendments document received eight public comments, which were technical in nature and did not raise issues that would affect transportation conformity.
- The Proposed Final Connect SoCal Amendment No. 3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 including the associated transportation conformity analysis would be presented to the Regional Council (RC) for adoption on June 1, 2023, with federal approval anticipated in June 2023.

4.3. FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- The Draft 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 was included as part of the Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment No. 3 document and would follow the same approach and schedule as reported under Item 4.2.
- SCAG staff would meet with County Transportation Commissions in July 2023 for the Draft 2025 FTIP Guidelines and present their comments and evaluations to the TCWG anticipated in August 2023.

4.4. Status Update on Regional Transportation Conformity Lockdown

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff was waiting for EPA's approval of ARB's interim off-model adjustment factors for EMFAC2021.
- To supplement the RTP Update as reported under Item 4.2, among the public comments received, there was only one minor transportation conformity related comment on the revised Draft RTP and FTIP Amendments document. This comment requested correction to three small rounding errors in a regional emissions analysis table. The three small rounding errors had been corrected and did not change the transportation conformity findings.
- SCAG staff appreciated the FHWA, FTA, EPA, and Caltrans Headquarter review staff again for conducting advanced



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and expedited review of Connect SoCal Amendment No. 3, 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03, and the associated transportation conformity analysis to ensure federal approval as soon as possible by the end of June 2023 upon SCAG's RC adoption on June 1, 2023.

- EPA's approval of the interim off-model adjustment factors is required before SCAG's RC adoption of Connect SoCal Amendment No. 3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03.

4.5. EPA Update

Karina O'Connor, EPA, reported the following:

- EPA approval of the interim off-road adjustment factors for EMFAC2021 was expected before the end of May 2023 in time for SCAG's RC adoption on June 1, 2023.
- SCAG Executive Director, South Coast AQMD Executive Officer, and EPA Region 9 Administrator would meet on May 26, 2023 to discuss highway sanction clocks impacting the SCAG region.

In response to a question from Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, Karina O'Connor, EPA, stated that EPA aimed to finalize the contingency measures guidance by summer 2023 and she was hopeful of providing a timeline at the next TCWG meeting.

4.5a Status Update on the SCAQMD Lawsuit against EPA (Case No. 2:23-cv-02646)

No updates provided.

4.6. ARB Update

Kevin Hendrawan, ARB, reported the following:

- ARB staff was waiting for EPA approval of the interim off-road adjustment factors for EMFAC2021 as reported under Item 4.4.

4.7. Air Districts Update

4.7.1. Status Update on EPA Final Disapproval of Reasonable Available Control Technology Demonstrations for Sources Covered by the EPA's 2016 Oil and Gas Control Techniques Guidelines for VCAPCD.

Holly Galbreath, VCAPCD, reported the following:

- From VCAPCD internal conversations and the conversations with ARB staff, it was determined that VCAPCD did not need to revise VCAPCD Rule 71.2 to address the underlying SIP deficiency. However, VCAPCD Rule 71.1 would need to be revised to meet EPA requirements, which mostly include changing the control requirement from 90% to 95%.
- The revised rule language had been shared and discussed with, and agreed to by ARB and EPA staff.
- The Proposed Amended Rule 71.1 would be presented to VCAPCD Governing Board for adoption anticipated in July 2023. Should there be a delay, it would be presented to the VCAPCD Governing Board for adoption in September 2023.

4.7.2. Status Update on EPA Proposed Limited Disapproval of SCAQMD Rule 1106, 1106.1, and 1107; Final Limited Disapproval of SCAQMD Rule 1118; Final Limited Disapproval of Reasonable Available Control Technology Demonstrations for Sources Covered by the EPA's 2016 Oil and Gas Control Techniques Guidelines for SCAQMD; Failure to Submit Contingency Measures for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS for Coachella Valley Ozone Nonattainment Area

Sang-Mi Lee, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- Amended Rules 1106, 1106.1, 1107, and 1118 were already adopted by the SCAQMD Governing Board.



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- SCAQMD staff was waiting on EPA's final contingency measures guidance as discussed under Item 4.5.

4.7.3. Status Update on EPA Final Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rules 1160; Final Disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 315; Failure to Submit Contingency Measures for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS for San Bernardino County Portion of West Mojave Desert Ozone Nonattainment Area; Proposed Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rules 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, and 1305; and Proposed Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 1157

Lijin Sun, SCAG, reported on behalf of MDAQMD:

- EPA proposed approval of the Amended Rule 1160 and paused the sanction clocks. The pause was effective April 7, 2023. Upon the anticipated EPA final approval, sanctions that were triggered by deficiencies in MDAQMD Rule 1160 would be permanently lifted.
- The adopted Amended Rule 315 was submitted to ARB on March 15, 2023 for submittal to EPA.

4.7.4. Status Update on EPA Final Limited Disapproval of AVAQMD Rule 315; Failure to Submit Contingency Measures for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS for Antelope Valley Portion of West Mojave Desert Ozone Nonattainment Area; and Proposed Limited Disapproval of AVAQMD Rules 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, and 1309

Barbara Lods, AVAQMD, reported the following:

- Similar to MDAQMD, AVAQMD was also waiting on EPA for AVAQMD SIP disapprovals and would move forward upon receipt of EPA's actions.

5. INFORMATION SHARING

In response to a question from Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, Karina O'Connor, EPA, would check if there was EPA guidance on how to prepare the Transportation Control Measures Most Stringent Measure (MSM) analysis that would be prepared by SCAG to be included as part of the SCAQMD's revised 2012 annual PM2.5 standard State Implementation Plan.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the TCWG would be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 via Zoom, teleconference, and in-person. Please submit PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms for the next meeting to Lijin Sun, sunl@scag.ca.gov, by Tuesday, June 13, 2023.