



TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

Attendee List

SCAG Staff:

*Asuncion, John
Ekman, Annaleigh
Gutierrez, Pablo
Luo, Rongsheng
Milner, David*

Via Teleconference:

*Anderson, Kelsie
Arellano, Lexie
Bade, Rabindra
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Carpio, Wellvin
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Houlihan, Michael
Huddleston, Lori
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Kalandiyur, Nesamani
Kulkarni, Anup
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Lay, Keith
Lee, David
Marroquin, Nancy
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MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Annaleigh Ekman, SCAG, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1. March 22, 2022 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were deferred to next TCWG Meeting.
- 3.2. April 26, 2022 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were deferred to next TCWG Meeting.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 4.1. Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms
 - **Conformity Exemption Form for ORA001102:** It was determined that this is an exempt project.
 - **Request to Correct FTIP Project ID of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Form (RIV180142):** It was reaffirmed that this is not a Project of Air Quality Concern with the updated project ID RIV180145.
 - Lucas Sanchez, Caltrans Headquarters, noted that in accordance with direction from FHWA, Caltrans would be providing quality assurance on all Section 327 project submittals and was working on this project (RIV180145).
- 4.2. RTP Update
Combined updates for Items 4.2 and 4.3 are below.
- 4.3. FTIP Update
John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:
 - The Draft 2023 FTIP and Connect SoCal Amendment #2 were scheduled to be released for a 30-day public review and comment period from July 8 to August 8, 2022.
 - Public hearings for the Draft 2023 FTIP and Connect SoCal Amendment No. 2 were scheduled for July 28, 2022 from 10AM to 11AM, and on July 29, 2022 from 6PM to 7PM.
 - After the close of the public review and comment period, SCAG staff would review and respond to each comment and bring the draft documents to the Transportation Committee in September 2022, the Regional Council for adoption in October 2022, and Federal Approval of both of documents anticipated in December 2022.
- 4.3.1. Status Update on OCTA TCA TCM Substitution (FTIP IDs 10254, ORA050 & ORA051) and OCTA Two Transit TCM Substitution (FTIP IDs ORA030612 & ORA130099)
Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following:
 - OCTA TCA TCM Substitution
 - SCAG's Regional Council adopted the TCM substitution on May 5, 2022.
 - Upon the concurrence by both ARB and US EPA, the original TCM projects would be rescinded and the new TCM measures would become effective.
 - The substitute TCMs would be processed through an FTIP amendment as committed TCMs into the conforming FTIP.
 - OCTA Two Transit TCM Substitution



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- The 15-day public review and comment period for the Draft OCTA Two Transit TCM Substitution Report concluded on May 21, 2022; no comments were received.
- On June 2, SCAG's Energy and Environment Committee was expected to recommend adoption of the TCM Substitution to SCAG's Regional Council. The next Regional Council meeting was scheduled for July 7.
- Upon adoption by the Regional Council, the OCTA Two Transit TCM Substitution Report would be submitted to ARB and US EPA for their respective review and concurrence.
- Upon the concurrence by both ARB and US EPA, the original TCM projects would be rescinded and the new transit TCM measure would become effective.
- The substitute TCM would be processed through an FTIP amendment as committed TCM into the conforming FTIP.

4.4. EPA Update

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

- US EPA staff remained on hold with the EMFAC2021 Federal Notice while they waited on CARB's revisions to EMFAC2021 and EMFAC2017 adjustment factors to account for the technical bug.
- US EPA staff would notify SCAG staff when the Federal Notice is signed since it can take up to two weeks to publish the notification in the Federal Register.

4.5. CARB Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, reported the following:

- CARB staff expected to submit the revised EMFAC2021 model for US EPA's approval within the two weeks following this meeting.
- CARB staff would coordinate with SCAG to test the model for conformity purposes.
- CARB staff was working with air quality districts to develop the conformity budgets for the 2015 70 ppb Ozone Standard SIPs with the appropriate attainment demonstration years and could present the budgets at a future TCWG meeting.

4.6. Air District Updates

None.

5. INFORMATION SHARING

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, shared that the Draft 2022 South Coast AQMD Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) had been released for public review with two public workshops on May 25th for the South Coast Air Basin portion of the AQMP and one public workshop on May 26th for the Coachella Valley portion.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.