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

**May 28, 2019  
Minutes**

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**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
Whisman, Rusty	ICF

**SCAG:**

Asuncion, John  
Louie, Matthew  
Luo, Rongsheng  
Yen, Emily

**Via Teleconference:**

Brugger, Ron	LSA
Chen, Yu-Jen	Caltrans, District 8
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Hunt, Susan	LSA
Kalandiyur, Nesamani	ARB
Legaro, Julie	Caltrans, District 12
Morrissey, Doreen	Metro
O'Connor, Karina	EPA Region 9
Rosenblum, Jason	IBI Group
Slavick, Michael	LSA
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans Headquarters
Tax, Wienke	EPA Region 9

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION**

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

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**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

3.1. March 26, 2019 TCWG Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved.

April 23, 2019 TCWG Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were deferred to the next TCWG meeting.

**4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

**1) LA0C8046, LA0C8046track**

It was determined that this was not a POAQC - Hot Spot Analysis Not Required (FHWA concurrence received before meeting).

**2) ORA170007**

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4.2 RTP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 27 Public Workshops for Connect SoCal, SCAG's 2040 RTP/SCS, were being held throughout SCAG region from mid-May through mid-June.
- SCAG staff had been developing Draft Connect SoCal report which was scheduled to be released in fall 2019.

4.3 FTIP Update

Mr. Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff was analyzing 2019 FTIP Administrative Modification #19-08.
- 2019 FTIP Amendment #19-07 was under federal review for approval.
- All 2019 FTIP amendments through #19-06 had received full approval.
- Draft 2020 FTIP guidelines were being developed by SCAG staff and scheduled to be presented to TCWG in August 2019.

4.4 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported that EPA Region 9 Administrator had signed a proposed rule to approve 2008 8-hour ozone SIP and revisions to one-hour and 1997 8-hour ozone SIPs in 2016 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP).

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In response to a question, Karina O'Connor, EPA Region 9, confirmed that transportation conformity budgets in the South Coast ozone plans were proposed for approval while EPA had not taken action on Coachella Valley ozone SIP portion of 2016 South Coast AQMP.

4.5 ARB Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur, ARB, reported the following:

- EMFAC2019 was still under EPA review for approval.
- A public workshop was jointly held on May 16 by California Transportation Commission and ARB on proposed federal Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicle Rule for Model Years 2021-2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks.

In response to questions, Karina O'Connor, EPA Region 9, stated that EPA staff was in process of consulting with FHWA Headquarters staff regarding grace period for EMFAC2017; EPA staff did not know when the SAFE Vehicle Rule would be finalized yet;

4.6 Air Districts Update

None

**5.0 INFORMATION SHARING**

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, introduced and welcomed SCAG new air quality and conformity intern Emily Yen from UC Berkeley.

Rodney Tavitas, Caltrans Headquarters, announced that Caltrans staff was working on another Introduction to Conformity training class in later 2019 or January 2020 in Southern California.

**6.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am. The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at the SCAG main office in downtown Los Angeles.