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

**September 22, 2015
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:

Morris, Michael	FHWA
Nord, Greg	OCTA
Sherwood, Arnie	UC Berkeley
Walecka, Carla	TCA

SCAG

Asuncion, John
Au, Anita
Luo, Rongsheng
Zhou, Yanlin

Via Teleconference:

Alvarez, Grace	RCTC
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Cheng, Jack	SCAQMD
Choi, Yoojoong	Caltrans Headquarters
Christian, Shalanda	Caltrans Headquarters
Claggett, Michael	FHWA
Costello, Chad	SANBAG
DeHate, Eric	RCTC
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Hudson, Kerrie	Caltrans, District 8
Hosseini, Ehsan	Terry Hayes Associates
Jaffery, Edison	Caltrans, District 8
King, Heather	ARB
Louka, Tony	Caltrans, District 8
O'Connor, Karina	EPA, Region 9
Odufalu, Olufemi	Caltrans, District 8
Silverman, Sam	Terry Hayes Associates
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans Headquarters
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9
Tisopulos, Tara	OCTA

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Todaro, Ryan
Yoon, Andrew

Parsons Brinckerhoff
Caltrans, District 7

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION

Greg Nord, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 TCWG July 28, 2015 Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

3.2 TCWG August 25, 2015 Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were deferred to next meeting.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms
1) LALS06
It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

4.2 Review of PM Hot Spot Qualitative/Quantitative Analyses
1) I-10 Corridor Project
The modeling protocol was presented to and discussed by TCWG. Additional review time is needed.

2) High Desert Corridor Project
It was reaffirmed to be acceptable for NEPA circulation (FHWA concurrence received after the meeting).

4.3 FTIP Update
John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2015 FTIP Amendments #15-13 was under SCAG review and analysis.
- The Draft 2017 FTIP Guidelines presented to TCWG last month received no further comments and is scheduled to be presented to SCAG's Transportation Committee and Regional Council in October for approval.

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4.4 RTP Update

Rongsheng Luo on behalf of Daniel Tran, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff was drafting various chapters and appendices of the Draft 2016 RTP/SCS.
- SCAG modeling staff was in the process of conducting model runs for the Draft Plan.
- Release of the Draft 2016 RTP/SCS was still on schedule for this upcoming fall or winter. For more information regarding the 2016 RTP/SCS and upcoming events, visit the website: www.scagrtppscs.net.

4.5 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported the following:

- On August 27, 2015, EPA published in Federal Register a notice proposing to reclassify Marginal nonattainment areas that had not attained 2008 8-hour ozone standards by July 2015 to Moderate nonattainment areas, and the new ozone SIP will be due on January 1, 2017.
- 2015 ozone NAAQS was expected to be finalized by court deadline of October 1, 2015.

Karina O'Connor, EPA Region 9, reported that EMFAC2014 was anticipated to be approved by EPA and made available within next month or two.

4.6 ARB Update

No new ARB update.

4.7 Air Districts Update

Jack Cheng, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- SCAQMD Governing Board approved Draft Final 2016 AQ P White Papers on September 2, 2015 and these White Papers are available on SCAQMD website.
- Draft 2016 AQMP was still scheduled to be released in winter 2015.

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported the following:

- VCAPCD staff was working on emission inventory and TCM RACM analysis for Ventura County AQMP.
- Draft Ventura County AQMP was anticipated to be released in February or March 2016.
- Draft 2015 Ventura County Triennial Assessment & Plan Update was released earlier September 2015 for public review as required by California Clean Air Act.

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The report assesses VACPCD's progress towards attaining California State air quality standards, corrects any deficiencies, and incorporates new data and projections into VCAPCD plans for meeting the State standards. Comments would be due on October 2, 2015 and there would be a public hearing on November 10, 2015 in Ventura County. The Triennial Assessment has very little to no impacts on conformity and transportation control measures.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, stated that Google cars will be equipped with environmental sensors to map out air quality in the near future.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.