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

**September 25, 2018
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
Morris, Michael	FHWA
Priest, Todd	Todd Priest & Associates

SCAG:

Asuncion, John
Louie, Matthew

Via Teleconference:

Brugger, Ron	LSA Associates
Chan, Jenny	RCTC
Christian, Shalanda	Caltrans Headquarters
Deluca, Nicole	Parsons
Damiani, Brian	Parsons
Gallagher, Gina	RCTC
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans District 11
Hall, Kara	Fehr & Peers
Hatcher, Shannon	ARB
Hudson, Kerrie	Caltrans District 8
Kalandiyur, Nesamani	ARB
Lancaster, Mark	RCTC
Mejia, James	SBCTA
Nord, Greg	OCTA
O'Connor, Karina	EPA Region 9
Sanchez, Lucas	Caltrans Headquarters
Schnapp, Angela	Parsons
Tax, Wienke	EPA Region 9
Vaughn, Joseph	FHWA
Verano, Jerusalem	Michael Baker International
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans District 7

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION

Lori Huddleston, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1. August 28, 2018 TCWG Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes will be revised to incorporate edits to Section 4.2 as requested via email by Andrew Yoon, Caltrans District 7.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) LA0G1119

It was reaffirmed that this is not a POAQC.

(Updated PM hot spot interagency review form will be resubmitted to SCAG with minor corrections to 2044 ADT figures).

2) RIV070308

It was reaffirmed that this is not a POAQC.

3) RIV071254

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

4.2 Draft Revised Ozone Transportation Budgets

Shannon Hatcher, ARB, reported the following:

- As part of respective ozone SIP updates, ozone transportation conformity budgets had been revised for South Coast, Coachella Valley, and Western Mojave Desert nonattainment areas to reflect most recent travel activity data from SCAG's 2016-2040 RTP/SCS Amendment #2.
- Budgets for ozone precursors ROG and NO_x had been set for same years of 2020, 2023, and 2026 in Coachella Valley and Western Mojave Desert areas; and for 2020, 2023, 2026, 2029, and 2031 in South Coast area.
- Safety margins were currently proposed only to Western Mojave Desert area.
- Budgets were calculated with EMFAC 2014.

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4.3 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2019 FTIP had been adopted by SCAG Regional Council.
- Federal approval was expected to be on schedule by mid-December 2018.

4.4 RTP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- Daniel Tran had left SCAG so he would report on RTP Update from now on.
- Project submittal call was initiated early September 2018 for SCAG's 2020 RTP/SCS and project submittals by county transportation commissions would be due to SCAG by November 1, 2018.

In response to questions, Mr. Asuncion, SCAG, stated that 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #3 had been approved by SCAG Regional Council and federal approval was anticipated to be by mid-December 2018; there would not be Amendment #4 to 2016 RTP/SCS.

4.5 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported the following:

- Acting EPA Region 9 Administrator signed a proposed rule-making on South Coast 2006 PM_{2.5} NAAQS Serious nonattainment area plan on September 24, 2018.
- Link to Federal Register notice would be forwarded to SCAG for distribution when it is published in a few weeks.
- EPA was proposing to approve 2017 and 2019 PM_{2.5} transportation conformity budgets (found adequate in January 2018) and associated trading mechanism.
- There would be a 30-day public comment period upon publication in Federal Register.
- All public comments would be responded to in final rule-making.

In response to a question, Ms. Tax, EPA Region 9, would research and then provide status update on South Coast NO₂ maintenance period at October 23, 2018 TCWG meeting.

4.6 ARB Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur, ARB, reported the following:

- Revised ozone transportation conformity budgets reported by Shannon Hatcher, ARB, had been posted on ARB website on September 21, 2018.

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- Upon approval by ARB Governing Board on October 25, 2018, the ozone transportation conformity budgets would be submitted to EPA by end of 2018.

4.7 Air Districts Update

There were no new air district update.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

Lucas Sanchez, Caltrans Headquarters, shared the following:

- Rodney Tavitas, Caltrans Headquarters, had arranged a 3-day course *Introduction to Transportation Conformity* from March 25 through March 27, 2018 at Caltrans District 4 in Oakland; and Mr. Tavitas would send out enrollment information shortly.
- Caltrans Headquarters would host next Statewide Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm on October 17, 2018 in downtown Los Angeles.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 am. The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at the SCAG main office in downtown Los Angeles.