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

**December 4, 2018  
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:**

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| Huddleston, Lori | Metro |
| Mejia, James     | SBCTA |

**SCAG:**

Asuncion, John  
Barragan, Carlos  
Louie, Matthew  
Luo, Rongsheng

**Via Teleconference:**

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| Anderson, Kelsie    | WKE                         |
| Brugger, Ron        | LSA Associates              |
| Cacatian, Ben       | VCAPCD                      |
| Christian, Shalanda | Caltrans Headquarters       |
| Chiou, Wayne        | Caltrans District 12        |
| D'onofrio, Joe      | Jacobs Engineering          |
| Hendrawan, Kevin    | MDAQMD                      |
| Lau, Charles        | Caltrans District 7         |
| Lazarus, Margery    | City of Moreno Valley       |
| McFall, Valarie     | TCA                         |
| Nord, Greg          | OCTA                        |
| O'Connor, Karina    | EPA Region 9                |
| Pereira, Melina     | Caltrans District 11        |
| Sanchez, Lucas      | Caltrans Headquarters       |
| Slavick, Michael    | LSA Associates              |
| Stauffer, Panah     | EPA Region 9                |
| Salcedo, Hector     | Michael Baker International |
| Tax, Wienke         | EPA Region 9                |
| Yoon, Andrew        | Caltrans District 7         |

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

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, expressed sincere thanks to and acknowledged Lori Huddleston, Metro, for her outstanding extended services and contribution as immediate past TCWG Chair. Mr. Luo also welcomed and introduced James Mejia, SBCTA, as new TCWG Chair.

James Mejia, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 3.1. October 23, 2018 TCWG Meeting Minutes  
The meeting minutes were approved.

**4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

**1) RIV010206**

It was determined that this was not a POAQC (FHWA concurrence was received after the meeting).

**2) RIV031215**

It was determined that this was not a POAQC (Caltrans, EPA, and FHWA concurrences were received after the meeting).

4.2 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2019 FTIP had been adopted by SCAG Regional Council.
- Federal approval of 2019 FTIP was expected by mid-December 2018.

4.3 RTP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #3 had been adopted by SCAG Regional Council.
- Federal approval of 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #3 was expected by mid-December 2018.

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4.4 EPA Update

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

- Transportation conformity for NO<sub>2</sub> was no longer required for South Coast area effective September 22, 2018, twenty years after original maintenance area designation; a confirmation letter would be sent to Caltrans, SCAG, and other agencies.
- EPA staff hoped to finalize notice to approve South Coast 2006 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> SIP by end of 2018. Final notice will approve previously deemed adequate transportation conformity budgets as well as trading mechanism.
- EPA had finalized guidance to address how transportation conformity can be implemented in ozone nonattainment and maintenance areas affected by February 16, 2018 decision of U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. SCAG region will not be impacted by the Court decision. The guidance had been emailed to SCAG, Caltrans, and other agencies for informational purposes.
- Implementation rule for 2015 8-hour ozone standards was signed on November 7, 2018 and expected to be published by December 7, 2018.
- On November 13, 2018, EPA announced it will work on cleaner heavy duty truck standards.

In response to questions, Ms. O'Connor, EPA Region 9, confirmed that SCAG will not need to make regional transportation conformity determination for NO<sub>2</sub> and 1997 8-hour ozone standards; In addition, 2008 8-hour ozone standards were not revoked in 2015 8-hour ozone implementation rule.

4.5 ARB Update

None.

4.6 Air Districts Update

None.

**5.0 INFORMATION SHARING**

None.

**6.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 am. The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at the SCAG main office in downtown Los Angeles.