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

**April 24, 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:**

Huddleston, Lori	Metro
Morris, Michael	FHWA

**SCAG:**

Asuncion, John  
Luo, Rongsheng  
Tran, Daniel

**Via Teleconference:**

Brugger, Ronald	LSA Associates, Inc.
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans District 11
Lugaro, Julie	Caltrans District 12
Mortenson, Marilee	Caltrans Headquarters
O'Connor, Karina	EPA Region 9
Sherwood, Arnold	UCB
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans Headquarters
Walecka, Carla	TCA

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

Lori Huddleston, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

3.1. March 27, 2018 TCWG Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

**4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

4.1 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2019 FTIP was on schedule to be adopted by SCAG's Regional Council in September 2018 with anticipated state and federal approvals in November and mid-December 2018 respectively.
- All 2017 FTIP amendments through Amendment #17-18 had received all necessary approvals.
- 2017 FTIP Amendment #17-19 was expected to be posted by April 27, 2018.

4.2 RTP Update

Daniel Tran, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff was in the process of conducting 2016 RTP/SCS Consistency Amendment #3 to 2019 FTIP.
- Development schedule of 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #3 would follow that of 2019 FTIP.

4.3 EPA Update

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

- EPA had submitted a petition to U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit for a panel rehearing on the Court's recent decision striking down portions of EPA's 2008 Ozone NAAQS SIP Requirements Rule.
- EPA was working on guidance as well as response to a number of comment letters regarding implementation of 1997 ozone standards.

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In response to a question, it was confirmed that FHWA/FTA had issued an interim guidance regarding transportation conformity requirements for certain pending planning and project development actions under FHWA/FTA programs.

In response to another question, Karina O'Connor, EPA Region 9, stated that EPA would need to develop a guidance upon Court's decision on EPA petition. Ms. O'Connor also alerted that SCAQMD had also submitted a petition for panel rehearing regarding use of 2011 as base year in 2016 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan.

(At request of TCWG, the FHWA/FTA interim guidance, EPA's petition, and SCAQMD's petition were emailed to TCWG after the meeting.)

4.4 ARB Update

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following on behalf of ARB staff:

- EMFAC2017 was scheduled to be submitted to US EPA for review and approval in May 2018.
- ARB staff was testing transportation conformity budgets with EMFAC2017.

4.5 Air Districts Update

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported that Ali Ghasemi, former SCAQMD staff, was hired as VCAPCD's new Planning & Evaluation Division Manager.

**5.0 INFORMATION SHARING**

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported that he attended Tony Louka's retirement luncheon earlier this month and presented him with SCAG's Certificate of Appreciation. Mr. Luo expressed his thanks to Mr. Louka again for Mr. Louka's long term service and contributions and best wishes to Mr. Louka for a very happy retirement.

**6.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 am. The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at the SCAG main office in downtown Los Angeles.