
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
MODELING TASK FORCE
May 27, 2015

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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE MODELING TASK FORCE.

The Modeling Task Force held its meeting at SCAG's Main Office in Los Angeles on May 27, 2015.

Members Present:

Robert Farley (Chair)	Metro
Paul Burke	Metro
Jennifer Martin	Iteris
Brian Smolke	OCTA
Jielin Sun	Parsons Brinckerhoff
Amy Volz	ARB
Jinghua Xu	Fehr & Peers

SCAG Staff Present:

Cheryl Leising (via web-conference)	Kihong Kim
Mike Ainsworth	Biling Liu
Bayarmaa Aleksandr	Rajeev Seetharam
Yuting Hou	

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Robert Farley (Chair), called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM, and introductions were made.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approval Items

The March 25, 2015 meeting minutes were approved.

4.0 ACTION ITEM

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Updates on Subregional Modeling Programs

Discussions by Modeling Task Force members – Members shared status of their current modeling projects and upcoming modeling priorities.

5.2 Activity Based Model

Bayarmaa Aleksandr (SCAG) and Hsi-Hwa Hu (SCAG) presented an update on SCAG's Activity Based Model's Mobility Choices component. The presentation included the Activity-Based Model flow chart, the framework of Mobility Choice Models, survey analysis and the summary of the model estimation results.

A copy of the presentation may be obtained from SCAG's Web Site at:
<http://www.scag.ca.gov/DataAndTools/Pages/ModelingTaskForce.aspx>

5.4 2020 Travel Survey

Mike Ainsworth (SCAG) discussed and presented information on the 2020 California Household Traffic Survey. It included lessons learned from the 2010 effort and what to expect with the 2020 CHTS. Discussion items included, why conduct a survey, and the objectives for the upcoming survey, and status of the current effort. Currently SCAG is working with other large MPOs to preplan for the next travel survey. The phases of the proposed survey include: Survey Design;

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Survey Maintenance; and, Conducting the Survey. Currently a Memorandum of Agreement has been created describing this cooperative project and grant funding is being pursued. The Draft RFP is being developed and will soon be released. Other public agencies may participate.

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5.5 Dimensions of Telecommuting

Bayarmaa Aleksandr (SCAG) presented information and an overview of SCAG's Activity-Based Model and research related to telecommuting and work-at-home. She discussed background on telecommuting and working at home, as well as the data sources, and SCAG's preliminary analyses. Working at home and telecommuting are important TDM actions that may reduce roadway congestion and GHG. Also discussed were future enhancements including: more data and sampling; taking into consideration other factors such as land use and technology; and how best to incorporate tele-commute and work at home into SCAG's travel modeling process.

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6.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's report.

7.0 STAFF REPORT/INFORMATION SHARING

There was no staff report.

8.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

If there are any future agenda items to report, please speak to Mike Ainsworth.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm. The next meeting of the Modeling Task Force will be held on July 22, 2015 at the SCAG offices in downtown Los Angeles at 10:00 am.