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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 via teleconference.

#### **SCAG**

Asuncion, John Barajas, Agustin Calderon, Karen McAlpine, Shannon Sangkapichai, Mana

#### Via Teleconference

Abad, Nino City of Temecula

Acosta, Brooke IBI Group

Ahlquist, Lorraine Rincon Consultants

Anderson, Kelsie TCA

Arellano, Lexie Caltrans Headquarters
Bade, Rabindra Caltrans, District 12
Blake, Michelle Caltrans, District 11
Brugger, Ron LSA Associates

Cacatian, Ben VCAPCD
Chandran, Yoga HNTB
Guizado, Jillian RCTC
Huddleston, Lori LA Metro
Kalandiyur, Nesamani ARB

Lay, Keith **HDR** Engineering Lee, David Caltrans, District 8 Lu, James **CNS** Engineers Caltrans. District 12 Lugaro, Julie Maddux, William **Rincon Consultants** Miranda, Jude Caltrans, District 12 O'Connor, Karina **EPA Region 9** Odufalu, Olufemi Caltrans, District 8

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Simpson, James
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SCAQMD

Tavitas, Rodney Caltrans Headquarters

Vaughn, Joseph FHWA

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Whiteaker, Warren
Wragg, Phil
Yoon, Andrew
OCTA
STC Traffic
Caltrans, District 7

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

Karen Calderon, SCAG, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am on behalf of TCWG Chair.

## 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

#### 3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 June 23, 2020 TCWG Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were deferred to next TCWG meeting.

#### 4.0 <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

#### 4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

#### 1) LA0G1563

It was determined that this project is not a POAQC. (TCWG concurrence received via email after meeting)

#### 2) 991203

It was determined that this project is not a POAQC.

## 4.2 RTP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- Connect SoCal was adopted by SCAG's Regional Council in May 2020 for federal transportation conformity purposes only and subsequently received federal approval in June 2020.
- Final Connect SoCal was scheduled to be adopted by SCAG's Regional Council in its entirety and for all other purposes in September 2020.

#### 4.3 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported that Draft 2021 FTIP was scheduled to be released in November 2020, adopted by Regional Council in February 2021, and anticipated to receive federal approval in April 2021, under a delayed schedule.

#### 4.4 EPA Update

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

• EPA's proposed approval of South Coast 2012 Annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> Standard Moderate Plan and Reclassification was published in Federal Register on July 2, 2020, including 2019 and 2022 transportation conformity budgets.

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• EPA's proposed approval of South Coast Finding of Failure to Attain 2006 24-Hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> Standards was published in Federal Register on July 10, 2020. If finalized as proposed, a SIP revision would need to be prepared and submitted to US EPA by December 31, 2020.

#### 4.5 ARB Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur, ARB, reported the following:

- Workshop for EMFAC202X was scheduled for July 30, 2020. The workshop discussed the updated methodologies and new data that would be used in the model.
- Next workshop for EMFAC 202X scheduled for the end of 2020 or early next year. The workshop would discuss the impact of all the proposed changes and updated methodologies on emissions.

Rodney Tavitas, Caltrans Headquarters, reminded TCWG that EMFAC2017 must be used for all new regional emissions analyses on or after August 16, 2021 and for all new project-level CO and PM hot spot analyses on or after August 17, 2020.

#### 4.6 <u>Air Districts Update</u>

Lijin Sun, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- SCAQMD staff was working on Coachella Valley Extreme 1997 8-hour Ozone Plan and South Coast Serious 2006 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> Plan
- Scheduled for adoption by SCAQMD Board in December 2020, both plans would be reported to AQMP Advisory Group and SCAQMD Policy Committees in August and September with regional public hearings in September and October.

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported that VCAPCD staff continued to work on 2022 AQMP/SIP for 2015 8-hour ozone standards.

#### 5.0 <u>INFORMATION SHARING</u>

Andrew Yoon, Caltrans, District 7, provided supporting figures for project LA0G1563 and requested they be distributed to all TCWG members.

#### 6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am. The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 via teleconference and Zoom meeting only.