

# TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

# **Meeting Minutes**

December 7, 2021 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was held via Zoom teleconference. A digital recording of the meeting is available for listening in SCAG's office.

# **Attendee List**

#### SCAG Staff:

Asuncion, John Calderon, Karen Ekman, Annaleigh Gutierrez, Pablo Luo, Rongsheng Martinez, Jennifer

#### Via Teleconference:

Acebo, Mervin Aljabiry, Muhaned Anderson, Kelsie Arellano, Lexie Bade, Rabindra Blake, Michelle Cacatian, Ben Carpio, Wellvin Delgadillo, Lucy Espinoza Araiza, Erika Garfio, Angel Guizado, Jillian Hendrawan, Kevin Huddleston, Lori Kahrs, Jacqueline Kalandiyur, Nesamani Lay, Keith Lee, David Lewis. David Liptak, Zach Lugaro, Julie Miranda, Jude Moran, Nohemi O'Connor, Karina Odufalu, Femi Padres, Mary Panuco, Isidro Perucho, Julio Phan, Paul Sanchez, Lucas Silverman, Sam Simpson, James Tavitas, Rodney Vaughn, Joseph Yoon, Andrew

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# **MEETING SUMMARY**

- 1. **CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS** Paul Phan, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD None.
- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR
  - 3.1. August 24, 2021 TCWG Meeting Minutes The meeting minutes were approved.
  - 3.2. September 28, 2021 TCWG Meeting Minutes The meeting minutes were approved.
  - 3.3. October 26, 2021 TCWG Meeting Minutes The meeting minutes were deferred to next TCWG Meeting.

## 4. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 4.1. Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms (10 minutes)
  - **RIV151218**: It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.
  - LA99ITC101: It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.
  - **RIV190901**: It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.
  - Interim I-15 Stateline Project Description: It was determined that this project is regionally significant.
- 4.2. Preliminary South Coast 2022 Air Quality Management Plan Appendix IV-C (15 minutes) Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, presented on overview of the Preliminary South Coast 2022 Air Quality Management Plan Appendix IV-C. In response to a question, Rongsheng clarified that the Appendix IV-C including the TCM RACM Analysis was only for the South Coast Air Basin Ozone SIP portion of the 2022 AQMP pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 40460.

# 4.3. RTP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported that Connect SoCal Amendment #1 to the RTP/SCS was approved by the Regional Council in November 2021 and federal approval is anticipated in late December 2021 or January 2022.

# 4.4. FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2021 FTIP Amendment and Administrative Modification were expected to continue as scheduled. SCAG staff were beginning to analyze the amendment and administrative modification that were due to SCAG on December 7, 2021.
- 2023 FTIP submittals from the County Transportation Commissions were due to SCAG by January 6, 2022.

# 4.5. US EPA Update

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

- US EPA had held two meetings with CARB to discuss outstanding issues and the waiver submittal timeline.
- US EPA would have another meeting with CARB scheduled for the week of December 15<sup>th</sup> and expected the last waiver will be submitted by the end of December 2021.
- US EPA scheduled meetings with Caltrans and FHWA in December 2021 to discuss the grace period for EMFAC2021.
- US EPA had published an Error Correction Notice for the Western Mojave Ozone Plan published in October 2021 to correct errors in the budgets in the final rule. The corrected budgets were effective on November



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### 4.6. CARB Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, reported the following:

- CARB was working with US EPA staff on the approval for EMFAC 2021 and expected approval during the first quarter of 2022.
- CARB had submitted a few waiver requests to US EPA and was awaiting approval from CARB legal team to submit the final waiver request for the Omnibus Regulation to US EPA. CARB expected to submit the final waiver request by the end of December 2021.
- CARB planned to present on the Transportation Conformity Budget Development Process as part of the 2022 AQMP development in January 2022. More information on the date and time would be shared with the TCWG.

#### 4.7. Air District Updates

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported that staff was working on their RACM analysis and expected a draft to be available in January 2022.

5. **INFORMATION SHARING** None.

## 6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m. The next TCWG meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2021 via teleconference and Zoom meeting only.