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

**December 1, 2009
Minutes**

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:

Abrishami, Lori	LACMTA
Medina, Shirley	RCTC

SCAG

Asuncion, John
Luo, Rongsheng
Nadler, Jonathan
Sherwood, Arnie

Via Teleconference:

Brady, Mike	Caltrans Headquarters
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Cooper, Keith	ICF Jones & Stokes
De Haan, Peter	VCTC
Fagan, Paul	Caltrans, District 8
Greve, Fred	Mestre Greve Associates
Higgins, Kathryn	SCAQMD
Hill, Shannon	ICF Jones & Stokes
Krebs, Cindy	OCTA
Kratovil Aimee	FHWA
Lay, Keith	LSA Associates, Inc.
O'Connor, Karina	U.S. EPA, Region 9
Soucier, Monica	ICAPCD
Williams, Leann	Caltrans, District 7
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Shirley Medina, RCTC, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments.

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3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approval Item

3.1.1 TCWG October 27, 2009 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 RTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- All FTIP amendments through Amendment #27 have been approved except:
 - Amendment #24 is anticipated to be approved by SCAG's Regional Council on December 3rd.
 - Amendment #26 was under review by Caltrans.
- The 2011 FTIP submittals are due to SCAG by Monday December 7. Staff will advise the TCWG if there is a change in the FTIP submittal schedule.

4.2 RTP Update

Naresh Amatya, SCAG, reported the following:

- RTP Amendment #2 has gone through the public review process. The amendment was taken to the CEOs of the county transportation commissions on November 20th and they concurred with moving forward with the Amendment. The Amendment will be taken to the Regional Council on December 3rd for final adoption.
- The deadline for Amendment #3 submittals was extended for two weeks in order to allow the CTCs to identify projects that need to be added to be consistent with the 2011 FTIP. The draft Amendment will be presented to the Transportation Committee in February 2010 for approval for public release contingent upon a positive conformity finding. It will then be released for a 30-Day Public Comment period. The amendment is scheduled be presented to the Regional Council for adoption in April 2010.

4.3 SB 375 Update

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG, reported the following:

- In November, SCAG held a joint policy committee meeting with a general update on SB375.

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- On December 3rd, SCAG staff will provide an update on the SB375 Subregional Framework and Guidelines and growth forecasting to the SCAG's Community, Economic & Human Development Committee.
- On December 3rd, there will also be a joint committee meeting of SCAG's Regional Council, Southern California Leadership Council, and the Global Land Use and Economic Council with regards to SB 375.
- SCAG staff had a meeting with ARB staff with regards to modeling as related to regional target setting by September 2010.

4.4 ARB Update
No update.

4.5 EPA Update

Karina O'Conner, EPA, reported the following:

- The notice of area designations for the 2006 PM2.5 standard was published on November 13. The designations will be effective December 14, 2009 and conformity will become effective December 14, 2010.
- EPA anticipates publishing the Interim Transportation Conformity Guidance for 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS on the EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ) website later this week.
- A decision on the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard will be made later this month.

4.6 Air Districts Update

ICAPCD

Monica Soucier, ICAPCD, reported the following:

- Reached 1997 8-hour Ozone attainment (0.08ppm).
- Received its new area designation for PM2.5 non-attainment.
- Submitted its PM10 SIP in October to the ARB. The document is still in review by the ARB and will then be submitted to the EPA for review.
- Updated PM2.5 map for modeling purposes by transportation analysis zones.

SCAQMD

Katheryn Higgins, South Coast AQMD, reported the following:

- Revisions to the Ozone and PM2.5 conformity budgets will be presented to the AQMD Board on December 4th. The revisions reflect the control measures that were adopted in 2007/08. The revisions will then be forwarded to CARB.

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VCAPCD

Ben Cacatian, Ventura County APCD, reported the following:

- EPA had not approved the 8-hour Ozone SIP as a whole. Only the conformity budgets have been approved.

4.7 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) **1TL104**

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

2) **LA0D393**

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

3) **RIV041052**

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

4) **RIV090117**

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

5) **RIV010206**

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

4.8 Review of PM Hot Spot Qualitative Analysis

1) **I-15/I-215 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS**

EPA, FHWA and Caltrans will provide comments. Project sponsor will address the comments and the item will be brought back at the next TCWG meeting.

2) **I-215 HOV LANE GAP CLOSURE PROJECT**

EPA, FHWA and Caltrans will provide comments. Project sponsor will address the comments and the item will be brought back at the next TCWG meeting.

5.0 **INFORMATION SHARING**

6.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

Shirley Medina adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on January 26, 2010 at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.