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

**January 24, 2017
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:

Castro, Fernando	Caltrans, District 7
Chiou, Wayne	Caltrans, District 12
Huddleston, Lori	Metro
Le, Thuy	My Open Road
Morris, Michael	FHWA
Sherwood, Arnie	UC Berkeley

SCAG:

Asuncion, John
Au, Anita
Luo, Rongsheng
Tran, Daniel

Via Teleconference:

Brugger, Ron	LSA Associates
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Cheng, Jack	SCAQMD
Durbin, Martha	RCTC
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Hudson, Kerrie	Caltrans, District 8
Khanna, Meghna	LA Metro
Malisos, Achilles	Michael Baker International
O'Connor, Karina	EPA, Region 9
Pereira, Melina	Caltrans, District 11
Roberts, Debbie	STD
Silverman, Sam	Terry Hayes Associates
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans, Headquarters
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9
Tisopulos, Tara	OCTA
Vaughn, Joseph	FHWA
Walecka, Carla	TCA
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION

Wayne Chiou, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 December 6, 2016 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) **LA0G321**

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

2) **LA0G1162**

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

3) **ORA131708**

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

4.2 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2017 FTIP and 2017 FTIP Amendment #17-01 received federal approval in mid-December 2016.
- 2017 FTIP Amendment #17-02 received state approval and was under federal review for approval.
- 2017 FTIP Consistency Amendment #17-03 was released for public review as part of 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #1.
- 2017 FTIP Amendment #17-04, an Administrative Modification, had been approved.

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4.3 RTP Update

Daniel Tran, SCAG, reported the following:

- On January 5, 2017, SCAG's Transportation Committee (TC) approved release of Draft 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #1 for a 30-day public review ending on February 6.
- SCAG held a public hearing on January 18, 2017 to solicit public comments on the Draft Amendment.
- Public comments could be submitted to SCAG via mail or email. Information about how to comment is included in the Draft Amendment document and on SCAG website.
- At its March 2017 meeting, TC was anticipated to recommend that SCAG Regional Council (RC) adopt the RTP/SCS Amendment.
- RC was anticipated to adopt the RTP/SCS Amendment at its meeting in April 2017. FTA and FHWA approvals were anticipated in June 2017.
- SCAG also initiated 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #2 to incorporate recently approved Los Angeles County Measure M projects.

4.4 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported the following:

- On November 1, 2016, EPA published in Federal Register a proposed rule to approve Coachella Valley Ozone SIP to attain 1997 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).
- EPA also published a proposed rule for implementation of 2015 ozone NAAQS on November 17, 2017. Comment period on the proposed rule was extended from January 17, 2017 to February 13, 2017.
- Former EPA Administrator signed a final rule finding that 15 states and the District of Columbia had failed to submit State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions in a timely manner to satisfy certain requirements for 2008 ozone NAAQS, including SIPs for three ozone nonattainment areas in SCAG region (South Coast, Coachella Valley, and Western Mojave Desert). However, effective date of the final rule was uncertain due to a memo issued by new US administration regarding any federal rules that had not yet become effective.

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

- On January 17, 2017, EPA published in Federal Register a notice of Revisions to the Guideline on Air Quality Model Enhancements to the AERMOD Revision Modeling System and Incorporation of Approaches to Address Ozone and Fine Particulate Matter (Appendix W of EPA Guideline on Air Quality Models).

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- Revisions include enhancements to AERMOD and replacement of CALINES3 with AERMOD for refined mobile source applications including PM and CO hot-spot analyses with a 3-year grace period.

4.5 ARB Update

On behalf of Dennis Wade, ARB, Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported that draft ozone transportation conformity budgets for Western Mojave Desert and Imperial County were distributed to SCAG and EPA for interagency consultation in January 2017.

4.6 Air Districts Update

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported the following:

- Final Draft 2016 Ventura County Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) was released in January 2017 for a 15-day public review period which ended on January 24, 2017.
- Compared to Draft AQMP released in October 2016, revisions had been made to include updates to modeling, some stationary control measures, and appendices, but conclusions remained the same.
- 2016 Ventura County AQMP was anticipated to be adopted by VCAPCD Board on February 14, 2017.

Jack Cheng, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- Response to comments on 2016 South Coast AQMP had been posted on SCAQMD website for public review.
- 2016 South Coast AQMP was scheduled to be considered for approval by SCAQMD Governing Board on February 3, 2017.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, announced that SCAG planned to hold a one-day transportation conformity training class to be taught by Dr. Arnie Sherwood; The class would be free and open to both public and private employees and was tentatively scheduled for March 29 or 30, 2017; Details about the training class including class outline and how to register/RSVP would be provided later.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.