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

**January 24, 2012
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	Metro
Alvarez, Adrian	Metro
Sherwood, Arnie	System Metrics
Williams, Tom	LA-32 Neighborhood Council

SCAG

Asuncion, John
Luo, Rongsheng
Sangkapichai, Mana

Via Teleconference:

Behmanesh, Nasrin	Parsons
Brady, Mike	Caltrans Headquarters
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Cooper, Keith	ICFI
Estrella, Romeo	Caltrans, District 12
Fagan, Paul	Caltrans, District 8
Fontaine, Jena	URS Corp.
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Krebs, Cindy	OCTA
Kuo, Ryan	SCAG
Lay, Keith	LSA
Lester, Julia	ENVIRON
O'Connor, Karina	U.S. EPA, Region 9
Santos, James	Parsons
Sonnenberg, Stew	FHWA
Tax, Wienke	U.S. EPA, Region 9
Tong, Chan	Caltrans, District 8
Walecka, Carla	TCA
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Lori Abrishami, Metro, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Dr. Tom Williams, LA-32 Neighborhood Council, expressed his concerns on the I-710 Freeway north extension project and planned to submit his comments on the RTP regarding this project.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 TCWG October 25, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

3.2 TCWG November 22, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved pending confirmation that the conference call to be set up, as stated under Item 5.0 Information Sharing, was on the transition to EMFAC2011-SG for project-level conformity.

The confirmation was made after the meeting.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) LA0F007

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

2) LAE0266

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

3) ORA125

This is only a project update and the project scope has not been changed. No re-determination is necessary.

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(This project was originally determined to be not a POAQC at the September 22, 2006 TCWG Meeting)

4) RIV071246

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

4.2 Review of PM Hot Spot Qualitative Analyses

1) LA0B952

Additional review time will be needed. Comments and questions will be provided to the project sponsor.

2) LA0D450

The analysis was deemed acceptable for NEPA circulation.

3) SBD20061201

On September 8, 2011, Alternative 3A was selected as the Preferred Alternative by the I-15/I-215 Interchange Improvements Project Development Team. As Alternative 3A was previously determined to be not a POAQC by the TCWG on February 23, 2010, no re-determination is necessary.

4.3 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2011 FTIP Amendments #18 and #19 had received all the necessary approvals.
- SCAG staff received 2013 FTIP Submittals from all six County Transportation Commissions early this month. The submittals are currently under analysis.

4.4 RTP Update

Ryan Kuo, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff continued to hold Draft RTP/SCS public hearings and workshops for elected officials throughout the region. The workshops were held in Carson, San Bernardino, Camarillo, and Apple Valley last week. Staff received many insightful comments and interesting questions from elected officials.

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- All documents and Appendices for The Draft 2012 RTP/SCS had been posted online at <http://www.scagrtmp.net/>. Comments can also be posted on the website. The public review period would end on February 14, 2012.

4.5 EPA Update

Karina O'Connor, EPA, reported the following:

- Highway Sanctions clock has been running in Imperial County since July 8, 2010 when EPA published the final rule disapproving portion of Imperial County Air Pollution Control District's PM10 Plan. EPA had initiated interagency consultations. There are two different sanction clocks running: emission offset and highway sanctions. In response to the first consultation meeting, EPA had put together a question list and was in a process to scheduling another meeting to go over responses to the questions. The EPA disapproval will not trigger conformity freeze and the highway sanctions will not result in conformity lapse; however highway sanctions will be imposed if the underlying issues are not resolved and will have implications on what projects can move forward.
- Final approval of the South Coast 2007 8-Hour Ozone Plan was signed by EPA Administrator on December 15, 2011. However, the Federal Register Notice has not been published yet.

In response to a question, Ms. O'Connor stated that the effective date of the new 8-Hour Ozone conformity budgets is 60-day after publication of the notice in the Federal Register.

4.6 ARB Update
No Update

4.7 Air Districts Update

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported the following:

- 2011 had the cleanest air on the record so it is expected to demonstrate attainment for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone standard by 2013 attainment deadline.

5.0 **INFORMATION SHARING**

Mike Brady, Caltrans, announced that the next Statewide Conformity Working Group Meeting will be held on March 8, 2011 from 9am. -12pm.

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6.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on February 28, 2012 at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.