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

**February 26, 2018
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:

Anaya, Mairany	SBCTA
Huddleston, Lori	Metro
Mejia, James	SBCTA

SCAG:

Asuncion, John
Louie, Matthew
Luo, Rongsheng
Sangkapichai, Mana

Via Teleconference:

Campbell, Bruce	Parsons
Morrissey, Doreen	LA Metro
O'Connor, Karina	EPA Region 9
Sanchez, Lucas	Caltrans Headquarters
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans Headquarters
Vaughn, Joseph	FHWA
Whiteaker, Warren	OCTA
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans District 7

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION

James Mejia, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1. Revised December 4, 2018 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

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- 3.2. Revised January 22, 2019 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Form LAF7123

It was determined that this was not a POAQC.

- 4.2 Proposed Framework of Regional Emissions Analysis for SCAG's Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS)

Mana Sangkapichai, SCAG, presented an overview of proposed framework of regional emissions analysis for SCAG's Connect SoCal, i.e., required analysis years and their rationales for every nonattainment and maintenance areas in SCAG region. Mr. Sangkapichai noted that for each area with new conformity budgets currently under U.S. EPA review, a second emission tests table had also been prepared and would be included for information purpose only until the new budgets have been approved by U.S. EPA prior to FHWA/FTA approval of conformity determination for Connect SoCal.

In response to a question, Karina O'Connor, EPA Region 9, stated that 2020 would need to be modeled if it is an attainment year and also the first year of Connect SoCal.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, stated that SCAG staff would seek confirmation on whether 2020 is the first year and would revise the framework as appropriate and bring back to TCWG for interagency consultation.

- 4.3 RTP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported that Connect SoCal was under development with draft release in October 2019.

- 4.4 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2019 FTIP through Amendment #19-02 had received final approval.
- 2019 FTIP Amendment #19-03 completed public review and was under federal and state review for approval.
- 2019 FTIP Administrative Modification #19-04 would be due to SCAG for review and analysis.

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4.5 EPA Update

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

- EPA's final rule approving South Coast 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} Plan was published in Federal Register on February 2, 2019.
- Final rule approved both conformity emission budgets (which had been previously deemed adequate) and trading mechanism.

4.6 ARB Update

None.

4.7 Air Districts Update

None.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

Rodney Tavitas, Caltrans Headquarters, announced that a three-day course *Introduction to Transportation Conformity* would be held at Caltrans District 4 office in Oakland from March 25 through 27, 2019. Mr. Tavitas also reminded that grace period for regional transportation conformity re-determination for 2015 8-hour ozone standards would end on August 3, 2019. Mr. Tavitas recommended that SCAG complete the regional conformity re-determination as soon as possible.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 am. The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at the SCAG main office in downtown Los Angeles.