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

**November 17, 2015
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:

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| Abrishami, Lori | Metro |
| Morris, Michael | FHWA |
| Nord, Greg | OCTA |
| Sherwood, Arnie | UC Berkeley |

SCAG

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

Via Teleconference:

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| Bailon, Daisy | RCTC |
| Brugger, Ron | LSA associates |
| Cacatian, Ben | VCAPCD |
| Castro, Fernando | Caltrans, District 7 |
| Choi, Yoojoong | Caltrans Headquarters |
| DeHate, Eric | RCTC |
| Dwedle, Kevin | Caltrans Headquarters |
| Gallo, Ilene | Caltrans, District 11 |
| Hudson, Kerrie | Caltrans, District 8 |
| King, Heather | ARB |
| Martinez, Adrian | Earth Justice |
| O'Connor, Karina | EPA, Region 9 |
| Seto, Garland | LADOT |
| Tavitas, Rodney | Caltrans Headquarters |
| Tax, Wienke | EPA, Region 9 |
| Wong, Jillian | SCAQMD |
| Yoon, Andrew | Caltrans, District 7 |

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION

Greg Nord, OCTA, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 TCWG August 25, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved.

3.2 TCWG September 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were deferred to next meeting.

3.3 TCWG October 27, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were deferred to next meeting.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) LAS14C012

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

2) LAF7131 rev

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

4.2 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2015 FTIP Amendment #15-13 had received all approvals.
- 2015 FTIP Administrative Modification #15-14 was anticipated to be approved prior to Thanksgiving.
- County submittals for 2017 FTIP would be due to SCAG on January 5, 2016.

In response to a question, Mr. Asuncion clarified that 2015 FTIP Amendment #15-12 is the 2015 FTIP consistency amendment of 2016 RTP/SCS.

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4.3 RTP Update

Daniel Tran, SCAG, reported the following:

- Draft 2016 RTP/SCS and Draft 2016 RTP/SCS PEIR will be released concurrently on December 3, 2015 for public review.
- SCAG will conduct several public hearings and workshops throughout SCAG region.

4.4 Conformity Analysis Update for Draft 2016 RTP/SCS

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, presented an overview of conformity analysis for Draft 2016 RTP/SCS and reported the following:

- Draft 2016 RTP/SCS and 2015 FTIP Consistency demonstrate conformity by meeting four required conformity tests.
- Draft 2016 RTP/SCS was scheduled to be approved by SCAG's Regional Council for release for public review; all comments received will be complied and responded to after public review.
- Final 2016 RTP/SCS is scheduled to be presented to the Regional Council for adoption on April 7, 2016.
- Final federal conformity determination needs to be received by June 4, 2016.

4.5 Draft 2016 South Coast AQMP Appendix IV-C

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, presented the following overview of Draft Appendix IV-C and next steps:

- Draft Appendix IV-C includes an Executive Summary, three Sections, and two Attachments
- Executive Summary is an overview of the three Sections
- Section I includes a brief description of federal and state requirements linking air quality and transportation planning, as well as SCAG's RTP/SCS and FTIP and their development process.
- Section II presents SCAG's regional transportation strategy and control measures including emission reduction benefits from RTP/SCS and TCMs.
- Section III is a TCM Reasonably Available Control Measure (RACM) analysis. It is concluded that TCMs being implemented in the South Coast Air Basin are inclusive of all RACM.
- Attachment A is a list of individual TCMs by county.
- A complete listing of all candidate measures evaluated for RACM determination is included in Attachment B.
- SCAG's Regional Council will be asked on December 3, 2015 to approve transmittal of Draft Appendix IV-C to SCAQMD for Inclusion in Draft 2016 South Coast AQMP for public review.

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- After public review, Draft Appendix IV-C will be revised as appropriate and Final Appendix IV-C will be presented to SCAG's Regional Council for final adoption, currently scheduled in April 2016.
- Upon adoption by Regional Council, Final Appendix IV-C will be transmitted to SCAQMD for inclusion into Final 2016 South Coast AQMP.
- Final Appendix IV-C is anticipated to be submitted to U.S. EPA by mid July next year as part of Final 2016 AQMP.

4.6 Draft 2012 RTP/SCS & 2015 FTIP Conformity Re-determination for 2012 Annual PM 2.5 NAAQS

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, presented the following overview of the conformity re-determination analysis and next steps:

- The conformity re-determination analysis demonstrates that 2012 RTP/SCS and 2015 FTIP meet all federal conformity requirements including: 1) 2012 RTP/SCS and 2015 FTIP pass the additional required emissions tests for the two new nonattainment areas in SCAG region under 2012 annual PM2.5 standards; and 2) the conformity analysis reaffirms all other applicable conformity findings for 2012 RTP/SCS and 2015 FTIP including consistency with adopted 2012 RTP/SCS, regional emissions analyses, financial constraint, timely implementation of TCMs, and interagency consultation and public participation.
- Additional interagency consultation and public involvement will be done for the conformity re-determination including presentation to TCWG today and a 15-day public review.
- After public review, the conformity re-determination analysis will be revised as appropriate and is scheduled to be presented to SCAG's Energy and Environment Committee and Regional Council for approval in February 2016.

4.7 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA, Region 9, reported that public comment period on EPA's proposed South Coast 2006 24-hour PM2.5 SIP action and reclassification would end on November 19, 2015; and deadline to finalize the action is March 15, 2016.

4.8 ARB Update

Heather King, ARB, provided the following overview of ARB's Mobile Source Strategy Discussion Draft:

- The Mobile Source Strategy is a high level document intended to achieve federal mandated air quality standards, California GHG reduction commitments, reduced petroleum consumption, and reduced health risk at state level based on an integrated uniform policy approach.

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- This document examines many measure concepts that can achieve mobile source NOx reduction that are needed, especially in South Coast to attain 2008 8-hour ozone standards in 2031.
- To examine different scenarios, control strategies and interaction between those measures, ARB staff has developed Vision Scenario Planning model, a multi pollutant scenario planning tool.
- Scenario analysis shows that the multiple State's goals can be met with a strategy consisting of cleaner vehicle technologies, energy sources, and fuels
- The Discussion Draft examines some SIP measure concepts about expanding advanced clean car requirements, deploying cleanest technology available through incentives.
- ARB staff will continue to work closely with Air Districts to develop these measure concepts into control measures that will be considered in the SIP.
- The Discussion Draft is available on ARB's website.

4.9 Air Districts Update

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported the following:

- VCAPCD is working on 2016 Ventura County AQMP to address 2008 8-hour ozone standards including emission inventory, modeling, and TCM RACM analysis
- TCM RACM analysis was expected to be ready for interagency consultation by December 2015 and the Draft AQMP is anticipated to be released in February or March 2016.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

Kevin Dwedle, Caltrans Headquarters, announced that there would be an Introduction to Transportation Conformity training in Sacramento from December 14-16, 2015.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.