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## 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.

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#### In Attendance:

Huddleston, Lori Morris, Michael Whisman, Rusty

#### SCAG:

Luo, Rongsheng

### Via Teleconference:

Anna Jaiswal Asuncion, John Cacatian. Ben Chu, Philip Gallo, Ilene Hudson, Kerrie Kochaon, Anne Lopez, Victor Lugaro, Julie Lumabas, Gerard Masters, Martha O'Connor, Karina Pereira, Melina Silverman, Sam Sutherland, Anders Tavitas, Rodney Tax, Wienke Tisopulos, Tara Vaughn, Joseph Yoon. Andrew

Omnitrans SCAG VCAPCD **SBCTA** Caltrans, District 11 **Caltrans District 8** Parsons **SBCTA** Caltrans District 12 Parsons RCTC EPA, Region 9 Caltrans, District 11 Terry A. Hayes Associates Terry A. Hayes Associates **Caltrans Headquarters** EPA, Region 9 OCTA FHWA Caltrans District 7

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# 1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION

Lori Huddleston, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

### 2.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

# 3.0 <u>CONSENT CALENDAR</u>

3.1. <u>October 24, 2017 TCWG Meeting Minutes</u> The meeting minutes were approved.

### 4.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 4.1 <u>Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms</u>
  - 1) **LATP16S003 & ATPL6065\_219** It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

### 2) SBD4120213;

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

Karina O'Connor, EPA Region 9, recommended that the project documentation add a clarification that the buses are CNG, not diesel, buses.

### 3) **RIV121204**

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

### 4.2 <u>FTIP Update</u>

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff was working on 2017 FTIP Administrative Amendment #17-15 and expected to approve within the next week or two. All previous 2017 FTIP Amendments had received full approval.
- SCAG staff would begin 2019 FTIP project review upon CTC project submittals by early January 2018.

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# 4.3 <u>RTP Update</u>

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following on behalf of Daniel Tran, SCAG:

- Amendment #3 to 2016 RTP/SCS was being prepared in conjunction with 2019 FTIP.
- Similar to previous 2016 RTP/SCS amendments, this is the opportunity for project sponsors to make project updates including changes to descriptions, costs, completion years, and modeling details to existing RTP/SCS projects.
- In addition, this is also an opportunity to add new projects and/or remove projects from 2016 RTP/SCS that are no longer being pursued.
- Final project input from County Transportation Commissions are due to SCAG by January 9, 2018.
- Once input is received, SCAG will begin updating regional travel demand model, process model results, and release draft Amendment #3 for public comment and review. In addition, a series of public hearings will be held.
- 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #3 is expected to be federally approved by late 2018.

# 4.4 <u>EPA Update</u>

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported the following:

- EPA received and was responding to a comment letter from Earthjustice regarding EPA proposed approval of South Coast 2006 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> SIP. The related stationary off-set and highway sanctions remained deferred in the meantime.
- EPA had shared its completeness letter on 2008 8-hour ozone SIP for both South Coast and Coachella. As reported previously, the letter resolves a previous finding of failure to submit and thus stops related stationary off-set and highway sanctions clocks.

In response to a question, Ms. Wienke, EPA Region 9, stated that EPA hoped to publish a final rule on South Coast 2006 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> SIP in January 2018.

- 4.5 <u>ARB Update</u> There was no new ARB update.
- 4.6 <u>Air Districts Update</u> There was no new air district update.

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# 5.0 **INFORMATION SHARING**

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, announced that SCAG office would move to Wilshire Grand Center (900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700, Los Angeles) on December 18, 2017 and the next TCWG meeting will be held in the new office.

#### 6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at the new SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.