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

**March 22, 2016
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	LA Metro
Cooper, Keith	ICF
Kulkarni, Anup	OCTA
Nord, Greg	OCTA
Sherwood, Arnie	UC Berkeley
Smolke, Brian	OCTA
Walecka, Carla	TCA
Whisman, Rusty	ICF

SCAG:

Asuncion, John
Chin, Stephanie
Luo, Rongsheng
Tran, Daniel

Via Teleconference:

Aurasteh, Reza	Caltrans, District 12
Behtash, Arman	Caltrans, District 12
Brugger, Ron	LSA Associates
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Castro, Fernando	Caltrans, District 7
Cheng, Jack	SCAQMD
Christian, Shalanda	Caltrans Headquarters
DeHate, Eric	RCTC
Dwedle, Kevin	Caltrans Headquarters
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Hosseini, Ehsan	Terry A. Hayes Associates
Hudson, Kerrie	Caltrans, District 8
McFall, Valerie	TCA
Mejia, James	SANBAG
Odufalu, Olufemi	Caltrans, District 8
Shelley, Scott	Caltrans, District 12

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Sheffer, Melissa	SCAQMD
Silverman, Sam	Terry A. Hayes Associates
Speirs, David	Parsons
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9
Tisopulos, Tara	OCTA
Vaughn, Joseph	FHWA
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7

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 January 26, 2016 TCWG Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

3.2 February 23, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) **200856**

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

2) **20131504**

It was determined that this project is not subject to PM hot spot requirement because it does not receive any federal funding nor needs any federal approval.

4.2 Review of PM Hot Spot Qualitative/Quantitative Analyses

1) **ORA131304_ModelingProtocol**

Project lead will submit a PM Hot Spot Interagency Review form with traffic data for TCWG to determine whether this project is a POAQC before review of modeling protocol, if needed.

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4.3 SR-241 TCM Substitution Proposed Emission Analysis Methodology

Anup Kulkarni, OCTA, reported the following:

- At request of Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA) Board, OCTA Board of Directors directed OCTA staff in December 2015 to initiate TCM substitution of SR-241 extension project with SR-241/SR-91 connector project.
- OCTA staff had been coordinating with TCA and SCAG staff in the TCM substitution process.
- Emission analysis will be undertaken for both projects using a multi-step method and analysis results will be presented at a later TCWG meeting.
 - ✓ Daily VMT and speed data for freeways and arterials in Orange County would be based on Orange County Transportation Analysis Model (OCTAM).
 - ✓ Three alternatives would be modeled with OCTAM for milestone years, including No Build, SR-241 extension project, and SR-241/SR-91 connector project.
 - ✓ EMFAC2014 will be used to calculate emissions.

Valerie McFall, TCA, requested to clarify in the revised methodology that the committed TCM portion of SR-241 extension project is only 10 miles within SCAG region, not including segment in San Diego County; and completion year of SR-241/SR-91 connector project is 2020 based on latest FTIP submittal.

4.4 Preliminary TCM BACM Analysis Outline for South Coast 2006 PM_{2.5} Standard SIP

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following:

- TCM BACM Analysis would be included in SCAG's portion of 2016 South Coast AQMP, Appendix IV-C.
- The analysis would include four sections:
 - (1) Introduction and TCM BACM Requirements
 - (2) TCMs and TCM Development Process in the South Coast Air Basin (SCAB)
 - (3) TCM BACM Analysis, and
 - (4) Conclusion.
- Section 1 would discuss TCM BACM Analysis requirements.
- Section 2 would describe TCMs and TCM development process in SCAB.
- Section 3 would include an overview or steps of analysis, a review of other PM_{2.5} and Serious PM₁₀ SIPs, a review of TCMs implemented in SCAB, and a review of TCMs not implemented in SCAB.
- Section 4 would be a conclusion of TCM BACM analysis.

4.5 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- Development of Draft 2017 FTIP was on schedule.

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- 2015 FTIP Amendment #15-15 had received State approval and was under Federal review for approval.
- Next 2015 FTIP Administrative Modification was expected to be released by end of this week or March 25.

4.6 RTP Update

Daniel Tran, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG's responses to all public comments on Draft 2016 RTP/SCS were posted on March 14, 2016.
- 162 separate communications were received, containing more than 1,000 public comments.
- Majority of comments received were in support of Draft 2016 RTP/SCS. Common categories of comments included Land Use, Natural Farmland, Transportation Highways, and Project List.
- Draft 2016 RTP/SCS had been updated to address public comments and to reflect other updates including updated project lists from CTCs and updated growth forecast numbers. All revisions were minor.
- Updated 2016 RTP/SCS still met all State and Federal requirements, and will help SCAG region achieve improved mobility, accessibility, and sustainability.
- SCAG staff planned to present Proposed Final 2016 RTP/SCS at March 24, 2016 Special Joint Policy Committee Meeting.
- Adoption of Final 2016 RTP/SCS was anticipated at April 7, 2016 Regional Council meeting.
- Upon adoption by Regional Council, SCAG staff planned to submit Final 2016 RTP/SCS to federal review agencies for approval by June 4, 2016.

4.7 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported the following:

- On March 15, 2016, EPA Region 9 Administrator signed final action to approve in part and disapprove in part 2006 PM_{2.6} Standard SIP of 2012 South Coast AQMP. The Final Rule was expected to be published in Federal Register in next couple of weeks.
- EPA staff had been working on reclassification of some Marginal nonattainment areas under 2008 8-hour Ozone standard, which included Imperial County in SCSG region. It was anticipated that the rule will be signed in early April 2016.

In response to a question, Ms. Tax, EPA Region 9, clarified that the EPA final action did not approve or disapprove RECLAIM but found a deficiency in RECLAIM as it related to RACM requirement.

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In response to a second question, Ms. Tax explained that there are two different ways that South Coast can remedy deficiency as outlined in the final rule: (1) to submit revisions to RECLAIM with an analysis demonstrating that the revisions meet RACM requirement; and (2) to include a BACM analysis in upcoming “Serious” 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} Standard SIP due in August 2017. She further clarified that if underlying deficiency would not be resolved, highway sanctions would be imposed in two years.

In response to a third question, Ms. Tax stated that under first approach, it would be hard to estimate EPA’s review time; However, EPA can make an interim stay of sanctions if necessary and EPA’s final approval would turn off highway sanctions completely.

4.8 ARB Update
None.

4.9 Air Districts Update
Jack Cheng, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- Due to changes in Governing Board and Executive Officer, SCAQMD staff were still seeking policy direction for 2016 South Coast AQMP.
- SCAQMD staff presented an update on 2016 South Coast AQMP development to SCAQMD Mobile Source Committee last Friday, March 18, 2016.
- Next 2016 AQMP Advisory Meeting was scheduled for April 13, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in GB Conference Room.

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported that there were no new schedule updates on 2016 Ventura County AQMP and emission modeling results were still not available yet.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

None.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

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