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

**January 26, 2021
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 via teleconference.

SCAG

Asuncion, John
Calderon, Karen
Luo, Rongsheng

Via Teleconference

Anderson, Kelsie	TCA
Arellano, Lexie	Caltrans Headquarters
Bade, Rabindra	Caltrans, District 12
Brugger, Ron	LSA Associates
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Carlson, Kristin	WSP
Cooper, Keith	ICF
Dong, Allyson	Terry A Hayes Associates
Guizado, Jillian	RCTC
Huddleston, Lori	LA Metro
Kalandiyur, Nesamani	ARB
Lay, Keith	HDR Engineering
Masters, Martha	RCTC
Miranda, Jude	Caltrans, District 12
Moran, Nohemi	SBCTA
O'Connor, Karina	EPA Region 9
Ogar, Jeanne	GPA
Sanchez, Lucas	Caltrans Headquarters
Sanchez, Rebecca	Caltrans, District 7
Silverman Sam	Terry A Hayes Associates
Simpson, James	LA Metro
Sun, Lijin	SCAQMD
Sutherland, Anders	Terry A Hayes Associates
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans Headquarters
Vaughn, Joseph	FHWA
Whiteaker, Warren	OCTA
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Zhao, Jiaqi	LA Metro

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION

Martha Masters, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 October 27, 2020 TCWG Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were deferred to next TCWG meeting.

3.2 Email Summary of December 8, 2020 TCWG Meeting

The meeting summary was approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) **4G07421**

It was determined that this project is not a POAQC.

2) **20190010Rev and 20190010RevTrack**

It was determined that this project is not a POAQC.

3) **LALS01**

It was determined that Project Alternatives 2 through 5 are exempt and Project Alternative 6 is not a POAQC.

4) **LAOG1094**

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

5) **ORA001103InfoUpdate**

The informational update has been received and this will remain not a POAQC.

4.2 RTP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2020 RTP/SCS Amendment No. 1 was announced via email on January 5, 2021 to appropriate county transportation commission staff.
- Submittals for the amendment are due February 19, 2021.
- SCAG adoption of RTP Amendment No. 1 is anticipated in September or October 2021.

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In response to a question, Karina O'Connor (EPA Region 9) stated that the beginning of emissions modeling is typically considered to be the use of the EMFAC model. Karina, Joseph Vaughn (FHWA) and Nesamani Kalandiyur (ARB) suggested further discussion to clarify. Rongsheng agreed to place an item on the next TCWG agenda to discuss this matter.

4.3 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- Submittals for 2021 FTIP Consistency Amendment as related to the RTP Amendment No. 1 are due to SCAG February 19, 2021. Appropriate county transportation commission staff has already been notified. This will be for modeling changes only; programming changes will be incorporated later when more accurate data is available.
- The comment period for the Draft 2021 FTIP has ended. The comments received were presented to SCAG's Transportation Committee. The comments received were primarily technical in nature; any changes recommended will be incorporated in 2021 FTIP Amendment #21-01, which is expected to be adopted concurrently with the 2021 FTIP in mid-April 2021.
- The Transportation Committee will recommend Regional Council to approve the 2021 FTIP in February 2021. The Regional Council is expected to approve the 2021 FTIP at their meeting in March 2021. Upon SCAG's adoption, Caltrans will then approve the 2021 FTIP in mid-April 2021.

2021 FTIP Conformity Analysis Status Update

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following:

- The 2021 FTIP Conformity Analysis was released for public review and no comments were received specific to conformity. The conformity analysis will be presented to SCAG's Energy and Environmental Committee (EEC) for approval on February 4, 2021. Upon Regional Council adoption (expected March 2021), the conformity analysis will be submitted to FHWA/FTA for final approval.

4.4 EPA Update

None.

4.5 ARB Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur, ARB, reported the following:

- The third workshop for EMFAC2021 was held on December 15, 2020. The workshop included a discussion of the changes between the 2017 and 2021 model. The overall change in EMFAC2021 include, for Light Duty vehicles, a decrease in VMT and a decrease in NO_x and ROG emissions mainly due to an

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update to the emissions rate; and, for Heavy Duty (Truck) vehicles, an increase in VMT and a decrease in NO_x and GHG emissions mainly due to new regulations that CARB adopted. More details can be found in the presentation posted on ARB's Website: https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2020-12/EMFAC202x_Dec_Workshop_20201215_rev.pdf

- Last week ARB released EMFAC2021 to the public; it is not ready for conformity demonstration or determination until it is approved by US EPA. The technical documentation for the model is scheduled to be released in early March 2021. EMFAC2021 will be sent to EPA for final approval in spring 2021.
- EMFAC2021 will be a Web Platform; there is no need to download or install the model on your computer. The Web Platform will be released later this month or early next month.

In response to questions, Nesamani reported that the cutoff date for additional adopted regulations to be incorporated in EMFAQ2021 has passed (3-4 months ago). EMFAC2021 is largely ready for submittal to US EPA and ARB is primarily working on technical documentation, but they will fix any technical issues that come up prior to submittal to US EPA. The grace period is determined by US EPA; ARB plans to request a grace period, but it could range from 6 months to 2 years depending on US EPA's review of the changes to this model.

4.6 Air Districts Update

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported the following:

- VCAPCD staff continues to work on the 2022 Ventura County AQMP/SIP, currently working through emissions inventories and revisions for stationary sources.
- The AQMP/SIP is due August 2022.

Lijin Sun, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- South Coast Air Basin Attainment Plan for 2006 24-Hour PM_{2.5} Standard was adopted by their Governing Board on December 4, 2020 and subsequently submitted to US EPA through CARB.
- The Coachella Valley Extreme Nonattainment Area Plan for 1997 8-Hour ozone Standard was adopted by their Governing Board on December 4, 2020 and subsequently submitted to US EPA through CARB.
- 2022 South Coast AQMP development process has started. The next AQMP Advisory Group meeting will be held on February 3, 2021. SCAQMD has formed several working groups for control measure development; the first working group

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meeting was held in December 2020. The control measures groups include residential and commercial buildings, oceangoing vessels, aircraft, heavy duty trucks, and construction and industrial equipment.

- SCAQMD's Deputy Executive Officer Dr. Philip Fine has left SCAQMD for US EPA. Dr. Sarah Rees is Acting Deputy Executive Officer.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

Lucas Sanchez, Caltrans Headquarters, reported that Caltrans will be hosting the Statewide Conformity Working Group on February 9, 2021 from 1:00 PM to 3:30PM. Lucas also requested for Caltrans Headquarters to be included in any discussions related to the use of the EMFAC2014 model for the RTP update as discussed earlier in this meeting.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 am. The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 via teleconference and Zoom meeting only.