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

**May 26, 2020  
Minutes**

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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 via teleconference.

**SCAG**

Asuncion, John  
Calderon, Karen  
Luo, Rongsheng  
McAlpine, Shannon  
Sangkapichai, Mana

**Via Teleconference**

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|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Aube, Nicolle     | City of Huntington Beach      |
| Bade, Rabindra    | Caltrans, District 12         |
| Brugger, Ron      | LSA Associates                |
| Burick, Bo        | Mark Thomas                   |
| Cacatian, Ben     | VCAPCD                        |
| Cooper, Keith     | ICF                           |
| Huddleston, Lori  | LA Metro                      |
| Lay, Keith        | HDR Engineering               |
| Landrum, Beth     | Caltrans, District 11         |
| Lee, David        | Caltrans, District 8          |
| Lugaro, Julie     | Caltrans, District 12         |
| Masters, Martha   | RCTC                          |
| Mejia, James      | SBCTA                         |
| Miranda, Jude     | Caltrans, District 12         |
| O'Connor, Karina  | EPA Region 9                  |
| Sun, Lijin        | SCAQMD                        |
| Su, Alan          | Mark Thomas                   |
| Shankel, James    | Caltrans, District 7 Planning |
| Tavitas, Rodney   | Caltrans Headquarters         |
| Vaughn, Joseph    | FHWA                          |
| Whiteaker, Warren | OCTA                          |
| Yoon, Andrew      | Caltrans, District 7          |

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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 April 28, 2020 TCWG Meeting Minutes  
The meeting minutes were approved.

**4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

**1) RIV200738**

TCWG determination is pending project lead agency's clarification on project NEPA assignment status.  
(US EPA and Caltrans Headquarters concurrences received via email after meeting)

**2) LA0G1456**

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

4.2 RTP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported that SCAG's Regional Council unanimously approved Final Connect SoCal on May 7, 2020 for transportation conformity purposes only.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, provided a brief status update on Transportation Conformity Analysis Technical Report for Final Connect SoCal:

- Only one very minor formatting correction was made in the Final Technical Report.
- The Final Technical Report was adopted May 7, 2020 as part of Final Connect SoCal.
- Final Connect SoCal, including Final Transportation Conformity Analysis Technical Report, was submitted to FHWA, FTA, U.S. EPA, and Caltrans Headquarters for their review of transportation conformity determination.

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- SCAG needs federal approval of final transportation conformity determination by June 1, 2020.

At request of Mr. Luo, Joseph Vaughn, FHWA, reported that FHWA team were in process of reviewing final transportation conformity determination in coordination with other federal partner agencies and Caltrans and had no outstanding issues at that time.

4.3 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- Development of 2021 FTIP would not be required under a state legislation currently in process and expected to become law in September or October 2020.
- However, pending approval of California Federal Programming Group (CFPG) in week of May 25 or June 1, 2021 FTIP was anticipated to move forward with delayed adoption schedule based on discussion at a recent CFPG Subcommittee meeting.
- Under delayed schedule subject to change, 2021 FTIP would be submitted to Caltrans in February 2021 instead of September 2020 with federal approval anticipated in April 2021 instead of December 2020.

4.4 EPA Update

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

- EPA staff was working on responding to public comments on both proposed approval of Imperial County 2018 PM<sub>10</sub> Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan and proposed approval of Coachella Valley 2008 8-hour ozone standard SIP.
- EPA proposed action was expected to be signed on South Coast 2012 Annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> Standard Moderate Plan Reclassification in June 2020.

4.5 ARB Update

On behalf of Nesamani Kalandiyur, ARB, Martha Masters, TCWG Chair, reported that there were no new ARB updates.

4.6 Air Districts Update

Lijin Sun, SCAQMD, and Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported respectively that there were no new air district updates.

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**5.0 INFORMATION SHARING**

None.

**6.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 am. The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 via teleconference and Zoom meeting only.