



TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was held via Zoom teleconference. A digital recording of the meeting is available for listening in SCAG's office.

Attendee List

SCAG Staff:

*Asuncion, John
Ekman, Annaleigh
Gutierrez, Pablo
Jones, Mike
Lo, Nancy
Luo, Rongsheng
Milner, David
Sangkapichai, Mana
Sun, Lijin*

Via Teleconference:

*Anderson, Chris
Anderson, Kelsie
Backstrom, Paul
Bade, Rabindra
Bagde, Abhijit
Brooks, Caitlin
Brugger, Ron
Cacatian, Ben
Carpio, Wellvin
Chan, Jenny
De Salvio, Alan

Espinoza Araiza, Erika
Estrada, Cesar
Garfio, Angel
Hang, Ivy
Kahrs, Jacqueline
Lay, Keith
Lee, David
Lugaro, Julie
Marroquin, Nancy
Masters, Martha
Miranda, Jude
O'Connor, Karina
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US EPA Region 9
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LA Metro
Caltrans District 7
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MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Andrew Yoon, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1. April 26, 2022 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.
- 3.2. May 24, 2022 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.
- 3.3. June 28, 2022 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. RTP Update (10 minutes)

Nancy Lo, SCAG, reported the following:

- Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment No. 2 was released for a 30-day public review and comment period from July 8 to August 8, 2022.
- The first public hearing took place on July 19, 2022. The second and last public hearing was scheduled for July 28, 2022.
- After the close of the public review and comment period, staff would bring the proposed final Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment No. 2 to the Transportation Committee in September 2022, the Regional Council for adoption in October 2022, and Federal Approval anticipated in December 2022.

4.2. FTIP Update (10 minutes)

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- The Draft 2023 FTIP would follow the same schedule as the Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment No. 2, as reported by Nancy, with Federal Approval anticipated in December 2022.

4.2.1. Status Update on OCTA TCA TCM Substitution (FTIP IDs 10254, ORA050 & ORA051) and OCTA Two Transit TCM Substitution (FTIP IDs ORA030612 & ORA130099)

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reporting the following:

- The OCTA TCA TCM substitution was still under US EPA and ARB respective review. Staff anticipated US EPA and ARB would complete their respective review by the next TCWG meeting in August 2022.
- The OCTA Two Transit TCM substitution was adopted by SCAG's Regional Council (RC) on July 7, 2022.
- After the adoption by the RC, the OCTA Two Transit TCM Substitution was submitted to ARB and US EPA for their respective review.
- Upon the concurrence by both ARB and US EPA, the original TCM projects would be rescinded and the new transit TCM measure would become effective.
- The substitute TCM would be processed through an FTIP amendment as new committed TCM into the conforming FTIP.



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4.3. Status Update on Regional Transportation Conformity Lockdown (10 minutes)

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reporting the following:

- Staff from SCAG/SCAQMD/US EPA/ARB had a third meeting on July 6, 2022 to discuss three potential pathways to resolving Coachella Valley ozone budgets shortfalls.
- US EPA staff would provide an update on their internal discussion with US EPA headquarter about regulatory clarification/confirmation on three potential pathways.
- The fourth four-agency staff meeting had been rescheduled to July 27, 2022.
- SCAG staff would provide another status update at the next TCWG meeting in August 2022.

David Lee, Caltrans District 8, requested SCAG staff to provide him with an update on the outcome from the fourth four-agency meeting after the meeting rather than waiting for an update at the August 2022 TCWG meeting. SCAG staff agreed to providing David Lee with an update via email.

4.4. EPA Update (10 minutes)

Karina O'Connor, EPA, reporting the following:

- US EPA Region 9 staff had been meeting with US EPA headquarters to develop a refined option to resolving the regional conformity lockdown, specifically for the Coachella area, and would discuss the option at the July 27, 2022 four-agency staff meeting.
- US EPA staff continued to work with ARB staff on the notice for EMFAC2021.
- US EPA staff had not received updated EMFAC2021 submittal or the adjustment factors from ARB.

4.5. ARB Update (10 minutes)

- Lijin Sun, SCAG, reported on behalf of ARB staff that the 70 ppb 8-hour ozone SIP budgets for South Coast and Coachella Valley were under development and would be presented at the future TCWG meeting.

4.6. Air Districts Update (10 minutes)

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported the following:

- District staff continued work on VCAPCD's 2022 AQMP for the 2015 8-hour Ozone standard.
- VCAPCD would not be able to meet the August 3, 2022 federal deadline to submit their 2022 AQMP as a SIP for federal purposes and anticipated a potential release of the Draft 2022 AQMP in October/November 2022.

Alan De Salvio, MDAQMD, reported the following:

MDAQMD's 2022 AQMP:

- District staff continued work on MDAQMD's 2022 AQMP for the 2015 8-hour Ozone standard.
- Emissions budgets that would need to be included in the MDAQMD's 2022 AQMP were still pending.
- The release of MDAQMD's Draft 2022 AQMP was also delayed to January 2023.

EPA's Proposed Disapproval of AVAQMD and MDAQMD SIP Revision:

- The proposed disapproval was regarding local air districts' fee rules and was expected to be finalized by US EPA.
- A final rule on the disapproval by US EPA would immediately trigger the 18-month stationary sanction clock [and the 24-month highway sanction clock – added by SCAG staff] within the two air districts.
- MDAQMD staff's commitment was to correct deficiencies in their local fee rules quickly to avoid sanction clock.
- Estimated adoption of the corrected local fee rules to address the disapproval would be no later than the first quarter 2023.



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At SCAG staff's request, US EPA staff would provide an update on the proposed disapproval in terms of if US EPA received any public comments on the proposed disapproval and a timeline on the anticipated final rule at the next TCWG meeting in August 2022.

5. INFORMATION SHARING

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m. The next TCWG meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022. Please submit PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms for the next meeting to Lijin Sun, sunl@scag.ca.gov, two weeks in advance, by Tuesday, August 9, 2022.