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

**August 25, 2020
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

Acosta, Brooke	IBI Group
Bade, Rabindra	Caltrans, District 12
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Guizado, Jillian	RCTC
Huddleston, Lori	LA Metro
Kalandiyur, Nesamani	ARB
Lay, Keith	HDR Engineering
Lee, David	Caltrans, District 8
Lugaro, Julie	Caltrans, District 12
Masters, Martha	RCTC
Miranda, Jude	Caltrans, District 12
O'Connor, Karina	EPA Region 9
Odufalu, Olufemi	Caltrans, District 8
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans Headquarters
Vaughn, Joseph	FHWA
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 June 23, 2020 TCWG Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were deferred to next TCWG meeting.

3.2 July 28, 2020 TCWG Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were deferred to next TCWG meeting.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) ORA001103 Exemption Form

PM hot spot interagency review form will be prepared and submitted to TCWG for concurrence in response to US EAP comment received after the meeting that the project is not appropriate for use of exemption since it contains so many different components.

2) RIV060109

It was determined that this project is not a POAQC.

4.2 RTP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- Final Connect SoCal was approved by SCAG's Regional Council in May 2020 for transportation conformity purposes only and by FHWA/FTA in June 2020.
- Final Connect SoCal was scheduled to be adopted by SCAG's Regional Council for all other purposes on September 3, 2020.

4.3 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- Draft 2021 FTIP was schedule to be released for public review in November 2020.

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- Final 2021 FTIP was scheduled to be adopted by SCAG's Regional Council in February 2021 with federal approval anticipated in April 2021.

4.4 Regional Transportation Conformity Status Update

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following:

- It was concurred by TCWG in June 2020 that the then undergoing minor RTP revision would not require new transportation conformity analysis for Connect SoCal nor for 2021 FTIP because only revision was minor changes to growth forecast planning assumptions.
- All minor changes to growth forecast had subsequently been completed.
 - ✓ Only 0.08% of region's 7.6 million households in 2045 and 0.33% of region's 10 million jobs in 2045 were shifted at transportation analysis zone (TAZ) level.
 - ✓ Jurisdictional level growth totals were held constant.
 - ✓ No changes to any TAZs in Imperial, Riverside and Ventura counties
 - ✓ Virtually no difference after rounding in regional emissions calculated for 2035 and 2045.
- SCAG staff was in process of preparing transportation conformity analysis for Draft 2021 FTIP.
- Draft 2021 FTIP transportation conformity analysis would be presented to TCWG for interagency consultation and released for public review as part of Draft 2021 FTIP.

4.5 EPA Update

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

- On August 17, 2020, EPA Regional Administrator signed final rule to approve Imperial County PM₁₀ Maintenance Plan and Redesignation Request including associated transportation conformity budgets.
- EPA's final rule to approve Coachella Valley Attainment Plan for 2008 8-hour ozone standards was expected to be signed soon.

4.6 ARB Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur, ARB, reported the following:

- Second workshop for EMFAC202X was held on July 30, 2020. Workshop materials and recording had been posted on ARB website.
- Major updates to EMFAC202x include all features on new web-based platform, 2000-2019 DMV data, new PHEV and energy modules, and major regulations adopted since EMFAC 2017.

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- Alpha version of EMFAC202X was scheduled to be released at end of August 2020, followed by Beta version in fall of 2020.
- Third workshop was scheduled to be conducted in winter of 2020 and final EMFAC202X would be released at end of 2020 or early 2021.

4.7 Air Districts Update

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported that several environmental groups had filed a lawsuit against EPA challenging VCAPCD's 2016 Ventura County Air Quality Management Plan.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following on behalf of Lijin Sun, SCAQMD:

- SCAQMD staff was working on South Coast 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} Attainment Plan due to failure to meet the standard by December 31, 2019
- SCAQMD staff was also working on Coachella Valley Extreme Ozone Plan for 1997 8-hour ozone standards due to reclassification from "Severe" to "Extreme" nonattainment area in 2020.
- Both plans were scheduled for adoption by SCAQMD Board in December 2020.
- SCAQMD staff was also developing 2022 AQMP to address 2015 8-hour ozone standard of 70 ppb due to EPA by August 2022.
- Next AQMP Advisory Meeting was scheduled for September 3, 2020.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

None.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 am. The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 via teleconference and Zoom meeting only.