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

**May 28, 2013
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	Metro
Baerg, Rye	SRTSNP
Garcia, Dan	SCAQMD
Sheely, Erin	OCTA

SCAG

Asuncion, John
Kuo, Ryan
Luo, Rongsheng
Sherwood, Arnie

Via Teleconference:

Behtash, Arman	Caltrans, District 12
Brady, Mike	Caltrans Headquarters
Buss, Jeff	EPA, Region 9
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Chu, Phillip	SANBAG
Crow, Jason	ARB
DeHate, Eric	RCTC
Lay, Keith	LSA
MacMillan, Ian	SCAQMD
Malisos, Achilles	RBF Consulting
Sonnenberg, Stew	FWHA
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9
Walecka, Carla	TCA
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 TCWG April 23, 2013 Meeting Minutes
The minutes were approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) ORA112622

It was determined that this is not a POAQC (TCWG concurrence via email before the meeting).

2) SCAG015

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

3) SBD31850

It was reaffirmed that this is not a POAQC (EPA concurrence via email before the meeting).

4.2 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2013 FTIP Amendment #13-09 was under public review until June 3rd, 2013
- 2013 FTIP Amendment #13-10 project submittals were due to SCAG by June 4th, 2013

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4.3 RTP Update

Ryan Kuo, SCAG, reported the following:

- Public comment period for 2012-2035 RTP/SCS Amendment No. 1 closed on May 9, 2013 with one comment concerning only minor edits.
- Proposed Final Amendment No. 1 was presented to the Region-Wide CEOs meeting on May 17th for concurrence and was unanimously approved.

4.4 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA, reported that EPA was still working on the South Coast PM2.5 Sanction Clocks.

In response to a question, Ms. Tax clarified that the offset sanctions would become effective July 9, 2013 and the highway sanctions would become effective January 9, 2014.

Jeff Buss, EPA, presented an overview of the EPA's Proposed Tier 3 Vehicle and Fuel Standards and confirmed that the public comment period had been extended to July 1, 2013.

In response to questions, Mr. Buss clarified the following:

- Tier 3 program will not affect EMFAC but will result in slight changes to MOVES.
- The target for finalizing Tier 3 will be the end of 2013.
- The word "harmonized" was used to describe the relationship between California LEV III standards and National Tier 3 standards: The programs are similar enough so that compliance with one means compliance with the other; but these two programs are not identical and the biggest difference is that Tier 3 does not have a zero emission vehicle program.
- California LEV III standards are comparable to EPA's Tier 3 standards; as a result, California will not need to do more than what it has already done and California will not get a boost in emission reduction from Tier 3.
- It is unclear whether California still needs to revise its gasoline sulfur content standards if the in-use gasoline in California has already met the proposed Tier 3 sulfur standards.

4.5 ARB Update

Jason Crow, ARB, reported the following:

- ARB would hold a Public Workshop on Improving Mobile Source Planning Tools on June 5th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm to present updates on three tools:

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the Emission Factor (EMFAC2013) model, the California Vehicle Activity Database (Cal-VAD) tool for measuring mobile source vehicle miles traveled in California, and the Vision Scenario Modeling tool for analyzing the impact of new vehicle technologies and improved transportation efficiencies on forecasted emissions in California.

- The Workshop would be webcasted.

4.6 Air Districts Update

There were no air district updates.

5.0 **INFORMATION SHARING**

None.

6.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday June 25, 2013 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.