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TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)

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Item 1 Attachment:
Meeting Summary



TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)

December 17, 2015

Meeting Summary

The following is a summary of discussions at the Technical Working Group meeting of December 17, 2015.

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- 3. 2016-2040 Policy Committee Meetings Outlook**

Information Items

4. 2016 AQMP Status Update

Philip Fine, Ph.D., Deputy Executive Officer with South Coast AQMD, provided an update on the development of the 2016 AQMP, including South Coast air basin ozone trends, PM 2.5 air-quality from 2000-2014, air-quality standards to be addressed, and a timeline for meeting those standards. Dr. Fine also provided a public process and the 2016 AQMP development schedule.

5. 2016 RTP/SCS Outreach Overview

Mark Butala, SCAG staff, provided an update on the outreach schedule, and provided details of the outreach program.

6. Q & A – Draft 2016 RTP/SCS and Draft 2016 RTP/SCS PEIR

The following is an example of the questions and answers that were addressed:

There was an inquiry about the terminology used in the document, “mitigation measures” and why “best management practices” was not used instead. Marie Campbell, President of Sapphos Environmental Inc., explained that “best management practices” is completely voluntary and mitigation is not voluntary, so that is the major difference in the terminology. Also, in looking at SANDAG’s case, there is a two-tiered approach in the mitigation section, and a great deal of the approach had to do with what the judges determined was acceptable, and that is what CEQA provides for, performance based mitigation measures.

There was an inquiry as to all the unavoidable consequences that are shown on a regional level and the scrutiny to see how far one can take a project level to mitigate the impacts that are already determined to be regionally unavoidable with SCAG’s purview. Ms. Campbell explained that using a 40-year planning horizon, a safe route must be taken

to anticipate potentially unavoidable impacts, such as population increase, which is beyond the purview and control of public agencies.

An inquiry was made if there would be any opportunity for tiering for land use, consistent with the RTP/SCS. Ms. Campbell stated that this document has provided a huge catalog of mitigation measures to draw from demonstrating efforts to move toward compliance. So there is an opportunity for projects that were included in the population growth forecast to look toward tiering from this document, but that would have to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Ms. Campbell further stated that she does not see the document impacting local projects. Also, it is not unusual to amend the plan, so there is a process available to provide for change.



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Item 2 Attachment:
2016 RTP/SCS Agenda Outlook

Agenda Outlook for the Development of the 2016 RTP/SCS

(Note: Revised to put the outlook in chronological order as suggested at the Sept. 2014 TWG)

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June 2013

- Potential approach/process, coordination between various technical working groups and policy committees, and updated overall schedule for the development of the 2016 RTP/SCS

January 2014

- System Preservation and system operation focus in the 2012 RTP/SCS and our current efforts on Pavement and Bridge condition database/management

February 2014

- System Performance Measures and MAP-21 requirements under Performance Based Planning and implications of MAP-21
- Local Input Process for Growth Forecast/Land Use (Scenario Planning) for 2016 RTP/SCS, including growth forecast and technology

March 2014

- Performance Based Planning and implications of MAP-21: Safety Performance Measures
- Overview of baseline and innovative funding sources adopted in the 2012 RTP/SCS including underlying technical assumptions/methodology/analysis under Transportation Finance
- Overview of cost assumptions/cost modal for the 2012 RTP/SCS under Transportation Finance
- Model and Tools and Datasets to be used in the 2016 RTP/SCS
- Overview of Aviation program in the 2012 RTP/SCS with a focus on ground transportation improvements

May 2014

- OCTA Draft Long Range Plan Update
- System Preservation Update
- Draft Paper on TOD benefits, challenges and best practices
- Active Transportation Program Update
- Local Input Survey Update
- MAP-21 Safety NPRM Update
- CalEnviro Screen Tool

June 2014

- SCAG Active Transportation Results from the 2011 Household Travel Survey
- 2016 RTP/SCS Modeling variables matrix
- Statewide and MPO Planning Rules NPRM Update
- California Active Transportation Program Update

July 2014

- 2016 RTP/SCS Modeling Variables Matrix

September 2014

- 2016 RTP/SCS Development Agenda Outlook
- Status of Local Input for the 2016 RTP/SCS; Growth Forecast Update
- Modeling Update
- CAL LOTS Update

October 2014

- Overview of SCS in the 2012 RTP/SCS
- Current status of SCS implementation (Local Implementation survey)
- Environmental Justice (First EJ Workshop will be held on 10/23)
- Map Collaborator Database (A web based tool to collect data and develop open space plan.)

November 2014

- Discussion on existing and proposed Performance Measures
- Role of Technology in the 2016 RTP/SCS
- Development of alternative scenarios (Scenario Planning) for 2016 RTP/SCS, including growth forecast, technology
- Emerging issues/themes that could influence 2016 SCS
- ~~Zero/Near Zero/Clean Technology Applications, including Slow Speed/ Electric Vehicle programs (Nov. 2014)~~
- ~~Emerging New Technology Applications~~

December 2014

- ~~Technical assumptions/methodology/data/analysis in the 2012 RTP/SCS~~
- ~~Potential changes in the 2016 RTP/SCS to technical assumptions/methodology/data/analysis~~
- ~~Updated forecast/land use distribution for 2016 RTP/SCS~~
- ~~Updated SCS for 2016 RTP/SCS~~
- ~~Overview of Active Transportation Strategy in the 2012 RTP/SCS~~
- ~~Progress update on Active Transportation Strategy and emerging issues and their implications to the 2016 RTP/SCS~~
- **Zero/Near Zero/Clean Technology Applications, including Slow Speed/ Electric Vehicle programs (Nov. 2014)**
- **Update on 2016 RTP/SCS Schedule**
- **Update on research and analysis for RTP/SCS strategies**

January 2015

- ~~Asset Management and Infrastructure Performance Measures~~
- ~~Overview of Goods Movement (GM) Strategy in the 2012 RTP/SCS with a focus on technical assumptions (including technology assumptions)/data/analysis~~
- ~~Progress update on the GM Strategy with focus on emerging issues and implications on the 2016 RTP/SCS~~
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- ~~Potential changes in the 2016 RTP/SCS to technical assumptions/methodology/data/analysis~~

- ~~Updated forecast/land use distribution for 2016 RTP/SCS~~
- ~~Updated SCS for 2016 RTP/SCS~~
- ~~Overview of Active Transportation Strategy in the 2012 RTP/SCS~~
- ~~Progress update on Active Transportation Strategy and emerging issues and their implications to the 2016 RTP/SCS~~
- Draft 2016-2040 RTP/SCS Datasets for two Scenarios 1) Local Input 2) Updated 2012-35 RTP/SCS and analysis relative to HQTAs, TPAs and Local Specific Plans
- Preview of the Progress Report/General Framework presentation for the 2016 RTP/SCS to be given at the February 5 Joint Regional Council/Policy Committee Meeting

February 2015

- Program EIR
- Overview of RTP/SCS Transit Element
- Overview of RTP/SCS Passenger Rail Element
- **2015 Active Transportation Program**
- **Public Health Framework for 2016-2040 RTP/SCS**
- **Environmental Justice Framework**
- **Draft Scenario Planning Matrix**
- **2015 Local Profiles Status Update**
- **Best Practices Research Project Status Update**

March 2015

- **Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities Grant Criteria**
- **Draft Scenario Matrix**
- **2016 RTP/SCS Performance Measures**
- **Asset Management and Condition Overview**
- **Active Transportation Program (ATP) Regional Guidelines**
- **2016 RTP/SCS Active Transportation Progress Update**
- **California Transportation Plan 2040**
- ~~Public Participation Plan~~

April 2015

- **Progress Update on Active Transportation and the 2016 RTP/SCS**
- **Public Health Analysis Framework**
- **Scenario Planning Model**
- ~~Overview of Goods Movement (GM) Strategy in the 2012 RTP/SCS with a focus on technical assumptions (including technology assumptions)/data/analysis~~
- ~~Progress update on the GM Strategy with focus on emerging issues and implications on the 2016 RTP/SCS~~

May 2015

- Overview of Aviation Program Update in the RTP/SCS
- **2016 RTP/SCS Performance Measures**

- Scenario Planning Model- Performance Results
- Overview of Highways/Arterials in the RTP/SCS
- 2016 RTP/SCS Workshop Overview and Schedule
- Progress update on the PEIR development for the 2016 RTP/SCS

June 2015

- 2016 RTP/SCS Transportation Finance
- 2016 RTP/SCS Overview of HOV/HOT/Toll Roads/Express Lanes
- California's Active Transportation Program – Cycle 2 Update
- Governor's Climate Change Executive Order Update

July 2015

- Overview of the PEIR for the 2016 RTP/SCS
- Policy Growth Forecast: Local Review and Input Process
- Public Health Update

August 2015

- Summary of Findings from the 2016 RTP/SCS Workshops
- Local Input Coordination
- Environmental Justice Update
- PEIR Update

September 2015

- Policy Growth Forecast
- Draft 2016 RTP/SCS Public Health Strategies and Actions
- Draft 2016 RTP/SCS Active Transportation Plan
- Active Transportation Program (ATP) update
- OPR Proposed Updates to CEQA Guidelines (Preliminary Discussion Draft)

October 2015

- Model/Tools, Assumptions and Model/Off-Model Results for Draft 2016 RTP/SCS

October 2015 – Special Meeting

- Draft 2016 RTP/SCS Performance Outcomes
- Draft Update to General Plan Guidelines by OPR

November 2015

- Transportation Conformity
- Draft 2016 RTP/SCS Components
- Draft PEIR

December 2015

- SCAQMD Draft 2016 AQMP General Overview
- 2016 RTP/SCS Outreach

January 2016

- 2016 Draft RTP/SCS – Open Discussion

Note: The Agenda Outlook is intended as a reference for TWG and is subject to change as needed and appropriate as things progress.

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Item 3 Attachment:
2016 RTP/SCS Policy Committee Meetings Outlook

**2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS)
Policy Committee Meetings Outlook**

2015/16 Meeting Dates	Topic	Committee ¹			
		Joint	TC	CEHDC	EEC
March 5	Draft Scenario Planning Matrix		X	X	X
	Environmental Justice Framework		X	X	X
	Public Health Planning & Analysis Framework		X	X	X
	Release of Notice of Preparation of Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)				X
April 2	Focus on System Operation and Preservation	X			
May 7	Draft Scenario Planning and SCS Workshops Rollout	General Assembly			
June 4	Active Transportation		X		
	Rail and Transit		X		
	Regional Aviation		X		
	Regional Goods Movement		X		
	2016 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan				X
June 18	Goals/Objectives/Performance Measures	X			
	Scenario Results - Land Use/Urban Form Focus	X			
	Subject Matter Speaker: Jim Madaffer, CTC	X			
July 2	Highways/Arterials		X		
	HOV/HOT/Toll Roads/Express Lanes		X		
	Emerging Technology Consideration in 2016 RTP/SCS		X		
	Active Transportation			X	X
	Environmental Justice, Policy Choices & Mitigations				X
	PEIR Approaches to Mitigation Measures				X
July 23	Regional Aviation		X		
	Highways/Arterials		X		
August 6	Summary of Findings from Workshops	X			
	PEIR Approaches to Alternatives	X			
	Affordable Housing Presentation by Steve PonTell	X			
	Regional Aviation Forecasts		X		
	Highways/Arterials		X		
August 20	Transportation Finance Overview	X			
	Potential Expert Subject Matter Speakers	X			
September 3	Draft Transportation Finance Strategy		X		
	Draft Transit and Passenger Rail Strategy		X		
	Draft Highway and Arterial Framework		X		
	Growth Forecast: Local Review and Input			X	
	Environmental Justice Analysis Update				X
	PEIR Update				X

**2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS)
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2015/16 Meeting Dates	Topic	Committee ¹			
		Joint	TC	CEHDC	EEC
October 8	Proposed Regional Express Lane Network		X		
	Proposed Goods Movement Strategies		X		
	Proposed Active Transportation Plan Investment Framework		X		
	Proposed Regional Aviation Ground Access Improvement Framework		X		
	Proposed Air Cargo Forecast		X		
	Proposed Public Health Guiding Principles and Framework		X	X	X
	Policy Growth Forecast (PGF) Guiding Principles and Framework			X	
	PEIR: Mitigation Measures, Guiding Principles, and Performance-Based Approach				X
November 5	Review and Consider Staff Recommendation on all Elements of Draft 2016 RTP/SCS	X			
	PEIR Findings, Draft Technical Studies, and Draft PEIR	X			
December 3	Release the Draft 2016 RTP/SCS for a 55-Day Public Review and Comment Period	Regional Council			
	Release the Draft PEIR for the 2016 RTP/SCS for a 45-Day Public Review and Comment Period				
	Transmittal of Draft 2016 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan Appendix IV-C				
March 3	Draft 2016 RTP/SCS and Draft PEIR - Summary of Public Comments	X			
	Review Draft 2016 RTP/SCS and Draft PEIR and Consider Recommending for Regional Council Adoption	X			
March 24	Consideration of Recommendation of RC Approval of Proposed Final 2016 RTP/SCS and the associated Proposed Final 2016 RTP/SCS PEIR	X			
April 7	Review Draft 2016 RTP/SCS and Draft 2016 RTP/SCS PEIR and Consider Adoption	Regional Council			

¹ Committee abbreviations include (in order of appearance): Joint (Joint Policy Committee); TC (Transportation Committee); CEHDC (Community, Economic & Human Development Committee); and EEC (Energy & Environment Committee).



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Item 4 Attachment:
2016 Draft RTP/SCS - Open Discussion
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