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

**February 28, 2017
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:

Castro, Fernando	Caltrans, District 7
Chiou, Wayne	Caltrans, District 12
Morris, Michael	FHWA
Sherwood, Arnie	UC Berkeley

SCAG:

Barajas, Agustin
Au, Anita
Luo, Rongsheng
Kaufman, Matt

Via Teleconference:

Chang, Paul	Caltrans, District 12
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Pereira, Melina	Caltrans, District 11
Hudson, Kerrie	Caltrans, District 8
Malisos, Achilles	Michael Baker International
O'Connor, Karina	EPA, Region 9
Silverman, Sam	Terry Hayes Associates
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans, Headquarters
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9
Tisopulos, Tara	OCTA
Walecka, Carla	TCA
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION

Wayne Chiou, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 January 24, 2017 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) **LA0G901**

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

2) **ORA150110**

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

3) **20084104**

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

4.2 FTIP Update

Agustin Barajas, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2017 FTIP Amendment #17-02 was approved on February 21, 2017.
- 2017 FTIP Amendment #17-05 ended its public comment period on February 27, 2017 and would be submitted to federal agencies for review on February 28, 2017.
- Project submittal for 2017 FTIP Administrative Modification #17-06 was due to SCAG on February 28, 2017.
- 2017 FTIP Consistency Amendment #17-03 would be presented to SCAG Transportation Committee on March 2, 2017 for recommended approval by RC in April 2017.

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Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, provided a brief status update on OCTA SR-241 TCM substitution:

- SCAG Regional Council adopted the TCM substitution in earlier February 2017.
- SCAG had submitted final TCM substitution report to EPA and ARB for their review and concurrence.

4.3 RTP Update

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following on behalf of Daniel Tran, SCAG:

- SCAG staff would present Proposed Final 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #1 to SCAG Transportation Committee on March 2, 2017 for their recommendation to SCAG Regional Council for approval in April 2017.
- Following Regional Council's anticipated approval, the Final Amendment will be submitted to FHWA and FTA for approval which was expected to be received in June 2017.
- 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #2 was currently underway and expected to be presented to SCAG Transportation Committee in April 2017 for approval of public release.

4.4 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported the following:

- EPA had received 80 comments on its proposed rule for implementation of 2015 ozone NAAQS by extended public comment deadline of February 13, 2017, and EPA staff was summarizing and responding to these comments.
- Federal Register Notice of EPA final rule finding that 15 states and the District of Columbia (including South Coast, Coachella Valley, and Western Mojave Desert ozone nonattainment areas in SCAG region) had failed to submit SIP revisions in a timely manner to satisfy certain requirements for 2008 ozone NAAQS was published on February 3, 2017 with an effective date of March 6, 2017; The EPA action triggers a stationary offset sanction clock and a highways sanction clock on March 6, 2017; The sanction clocks can be remedied by a SIP submittal with an affirmative Completeness Finding by EPA; and EPA staff anticipated that submittal of 2016 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) to EPA would address sanction clocks in South Coast and Coachella Valley ozone nonattainment areas.
- As a result of EPA's partial disapproval of South Coast 2006 PM_{2.5} SIP in April 2016, a stationary offset sanction clock and a highway sanctions clock will expire in November 2017 and May 2018, respectively. EPA was working with South Coast on creating a submittal to address these deadlines in time.

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4.5 ARB Update
There was no ARB update

4.6 Air Districts Update
There was no air districts update

Arnie Sherwood, UCB, stated that SCAQMD Governing Board would hold a meeting on March 3, 2017 to continue their consideration of Final Draft 2016 South Coast AQMP.

5.0 **INFORMATION SHARING**

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, announced that SCAG planned to hold a one-day transportation conformity training class to be taught by Dr. Arnie Sherwood; The class would be free and open to both public and private employees; Several dates in March and April 2017 have been proposed and those interested can fill out a Doodle survey with their preferred class times and whether they will attend in person or via webinar; and the Doodle survey should be completed by March 3, 2017.

6.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.