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

**June 27, 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:

Chiou, Wayne	Caltrans, District 12
Chung, Jesseong	Metro
Huddleston, Lori	Metro
Kolaskis, Rebecca	Metro
Morris, Michael	FHWA
Martin, Roger	Metro
Melton, Wilford	Caltrans, District 7
Sherwood, Arnie	UC Berkeley

SCAG:

Asuncion, John
Au, Anita
Kaufman, Matt
Luo, Rongsheng
Tran, Daniel

Via Teleconference:

Alvarez, Grace	RCTC
Brugger, Ron	LSA Associates
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Chang, Paul	Caltrans, District 12
Christian, Shalanda	Caltrans Headquarters
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Lovegrove, Alice	WSP
Matley, Ted	FTA
Mortenson, Marilee	Caltrans Headquarters
O'Connor, Karina	EPA, Region 9
Pereira, Melina	Caltrans, District 11
Sun, Lijin	SCAQMD
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9
Tisopulos, Tara	OCTA
Vaughn, Joseph	FHWA
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 May 23, 2017 TCWG Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes will be revised to show that Wilford Melton attended May 23, 2017 TCWG meeting in person and not by teleconference.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Effects of New PM Standards on Transportation Project Schedule

- Marilee Mortenson, Caltrans Headquarters, presented an overview of a fact sheet on how transportation schedule/delivery may be affected by projected PM_{2.5} levels in selected areas of California.
 - ✓ Developed by Caltrans with substantial review and edits from EPA and FHWA staff, the fact sheet is an advisory aimed to help project proponents who will need to perform a quantitative PM hot spot analysis.
 - ✓ The two-page fact sheet includes four sections:
 - I should read this if ...
 - Background
 - How a project proponent can prepare
 - Where to go for more information
- TCWG members were invited to make the fact sheet available to their colleagues and partners as a resource

4.2 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

- **Westside Purple Line Extension Project (LA0G4417, LA0G1052, & LA0G17642)**
It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

4.3 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2017 FTIP Amendment #17-08 received federal approval on June 22, 2017.

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- 2017 FTIP Administrative Modification #17-10 was approved by SCAG on June 19, 2017.
- 2017 FTIP Administrative Modification #17-11 was due to SCAG on July 11, 2017.
- SCAG staff continued to update 2019 FTIP Guidelines and planned to seek approval from SCAG's Regional Council in September 2017. Draft 2019 FTIP Guidelines were expected to be presented to TCWG in August 2017.

4.4 RTP Update

Daniel Tran, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #2 received approval from SCAG's Transportation Committee on June 1, 2017.
- Proposed Final 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #2 would be presented to SCAG's Regional Council on July 6, 2017. Upon approval by Regional Council, the Amendment would be submitted to FHWA and FTA for federal approval by late September or early October 2017.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported that conformity determination for 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #2 received approval from SCAG's Energy and Environmental Committee for recommended adoption by SCAG's Regional Council on July 6, 2017.

4.5 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported the following:

- EPA published a Proposed Approval of South Coast's 2015/2016 Regional Clean Air Incentives Market (RECLAIM) Amendment on June 6, 2017 and a Proposed Approval of South Coast's 2008 Ozone Reasonably Available Control Technology State Implementation Plan (RACT SIP) on June 15, 2017.
- EPA staff would report back to TCWG after EPA has signed or published a final action for each document.

In response to a question, Ms. Tax, EPA, stated that final approval of 2008 Ozone RACT SIP would turn off its associated sanctions clock while a separate final action would be needed to turn off a separate sanctions clock associated with partial approval of South Coast's 2006 PM_{2.5} Standard SIP.

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

- EPA had received expressed interest from Caltrans and Metro staff in streamlining PM hot spot interagency review process for certain types of transportation projects.

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- EPA staff had begun working with Caltrans on this effort and would discuss about this topic in a later TCWG meeting.
- EPA had issued its concurrence on SR-241 TCM Substitution by Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA).

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, expressed thanks to those who had worked on SR-241 TCM Substitution and congratulations to OCTA and Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA).

4.6 ARB Update
No updates.

4.7 Air Districts Update
Lijin Sun, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- SCAQMD was accepting comments and feedback regarding its proposed frameworks of facility-based mobile source measures through June 30, 2017.
- Meeting schedules and materials of all facility-based mobile source measures working groups are posted on SCAQMD website.

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported no new updates.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

None.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.