



TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was held via Zoom, teleconference, and in person. A digital recording of the meeting is available upon request.

Attendee List

SCAG Staff:

Ayala, Krystal
 Banuelos, Ryan
 Calderon, Karen
 Carrasquillo, Andrés
 Gutierrez, Pablo
 Sun, Lijin

Via Zoom and Teleconference:

Anderson, Kelsie	TCA	
Bade, Rabindra	Caltrans	District 12
Calvert, Brian	ICF	
Caraig, Ricardo	Caltrans	District 12
Corpuz, Monica	ICF	
Dietzler, Jeff	RCTC	
Dorantes, Michael	EPA	
Emery, Edward	RCTC	
Garfio, Angel	OCTA	
Gaschot, Bertrand	Mojave Desert AQMD	
Hager, Mark	HDR Engineering, Inc.	
Huddleston, Lori	LA Metro	
Junken, Rachel	LADOT	
Kalandiyur, Nesamani	CARB	
Kang, Peter	Caltrans	HQ
Lay, Keith	ICF	
Lee, Sang-Mi	South Coast AQMD	
Lewis, Nicole	Caltrans	HQ
Lising, Ronnel	Caltrans	District 12
Lugaro, Julie	Caltrans	District 12
Marroquin, Nancy	LA Metro	
Masters, Martha	RCTC	
Meneses, Mercedes	LA Metro	
Moran, Nohemi	SBCTA	
Morris, Michael	FHWA	
Pack, Jason	Fehr & Peers	
Quintero, Gustavo	RCTC - Bechtel	
Richmai, Michael	LA Metro	
Smith, Brian	HDR	
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans	HQ
Vaca, Erika	Caltrans	HQ
Wong, Alison	Caltrans	District 7
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans	District 7



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MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Vanessa Schoenewald, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1. January 28, 2025 TCWG Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. Reviews of PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Form (10 minutes)

- **Attachment 4.1-1: Request Letter for SCAG Quick-Build Transportation Safety Projects:** it was determined that these projects are exempt and can be programmed into SCAG's FTIP.

The concurring agencies noted that for these types of exemption requests they appreciated this format of combining information for all projects into one presentation in lieu of filling out individual PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Form for each submittal.

The concurring agencies also noted that when using the hazardous location or feature exemption under the safety category (see 40 CFR Section 93.126), a quantitative method such as collision data is required.

4.1.1. PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms Presented at the January 28, 2025 TCWG Meeting (For Public Notice Purposes)

- **RIV160405 (refer to January 28, 2025 TCWG agenda and attachments):** it was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.
- **RIV170901 (refer to January 28, 2025 TCWG agenda and attachments):** EPA staff requested additional review time. Therefore, no TCWG concurrence was provided at the meeting. It was reiterated that no email concurrence could be provided and requested that SCAG include this project in the March 2025 TCWG meeting agenda.

4.2. RTP Update

Agustin Barajas, SCAG, reported no updates.

4.3. FTIP Update

Agustin Barajas, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2025 FTIP Amendment #25-03 was undergoing a 10-day public review period and would subsequently be submitted for state and federal approvals.
- 2025 FTIP Amendment #25-04 was expected to be approved by late February 2025.
- Future opportunities for projects modifications included 2025 FTIP Amendment #25-05 and 2025 FTIP Amendment #25-06, which would be due March 11 and March 18, 2025, respectively.

Michael Morris, FHWA, stated that FHWA approvals of regional transportation conformity determinations for FTIP amendments would require reviews through the Office of Chief Counsel in Washington D.C. This new process would cause a potential delay.



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4.4. U.S. EPA Update

Michael Dorantes, U.S. EPA, reported no updates.

4.5. CARB Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, reported the following:

- CARB staff continued to develop the EMFAC2025 model, with a finalized model and a public workshop planned for March 2025. The new emissions model would be submitted to U.S. EPA for approval anticipated in Summer 2025.

4.6. Air Districts Updates

4.6.1. Ventura County APCD Update

No representative was present to provide updates.

4.6.2. South Coast AQMD Update

Sang-Mi Lee, South Coast AQMD, reported no updates.

4.6.3. Mojave Desert AQMD Update

Bertrand Gaschot, Mojave Desert AQMD, reported no updates.

- 4.6.3.1. Status Update on the MDAQMD Lawsuit against EPA (Case No. 23-1411)
Bertrand Gaschot, Mojave Desert AQMD, reported no updates.

4.6.4. Antelope Valley AQMD Update

Lijin Sun, SCAG, reported on behalf of the representative that there were no updates.

- 4.6.4.1. Status Update on the AVAQMD Lawsuit against EPA (Case No. 23-1614)
Lijin Sun, SCAG, reported on behalf of the representative that there were no updates.

4.6.5. Imperial County APCD Update

No representative was present to provide updates.

5. INFORMATION SHARING

Lijin Sun, SCAG, announced that Karen Calderon, SCAG, would be the new TCWG lead staff for SCAG. PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms should start to be emailed to Karen Calderon at calderon@scag.ca.gov.

Brian Calvert, ICF, asked about the status of the MDAQMD lawsuit against EPA under Item 4.6.3.1 because the highway sanction would start at the end of July 2025. Bertrand Gaschot, Mojave Desert AQMD, responded that Mojave Desert AQMD had filed a petition to appeal the sanctions clock to be reset but did not have an update otherwise.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next TCWG meeting would be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 in-person, via Zoom, and by teleconference. It was requested PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms for the next meeting be submitted to Karen Calderon, calderon@scag.ca.gov, by Tuesday, March 11, 2025.