



# TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

## Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2024

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:**

Banuelos, Ryan  
Barajas, Agustin  
Calderon, Karen  
Sun, Lijin

#### **Via Zoom and Teleconference:**

Acebo, Mervin  
Anderson, Kelsie  
Bade, Rabindra  
Becha, Karishma  
Berg, Brent  
Brugger, Ron  
Caraig, Ricardo  
Christensen, Dustin  
Cooper, Keith  
Devlin, Chris  
Dorantes, Michael  
Espinosa Araiza, Erika  
Garfio, Angel  
Gaschot, Bertrand  
Gerber, AJ  
Gilbert, Julie  
Gonzalez, Ivan  
Guizado, Jillian  
Hager, Mark  
Hendrawan, Kevin  
Heredia, Monica  
Hosford, Steve  
Huddleston, Lori  
Huynh, Ted  
Johnson, Darin  
Kalandiyur, Nesamani  
Kang, Peter  
Lay, Keith  
Lee, Albert  
Lee, Sang-Mi  
Legleiter, Kurt  
Lewis, David  
Liptak, Zach  
Lising, Ronnel  
Lods, Barbara  
Marroquin, Nancy

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ERP  
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U.S. EPA  
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OCTA  
Mojave Desert AQMD  
San Bernardino County  
Compass Consulting  
SBCTA  
RCTC  
HDR Engineering, Inc.  
CARB  
City of Montclair  
CNS Engineers  
LA Metro  
Iteris  
Mark Thomas  
CARB  
Caltrans  
ICF  
RCTC - Bechtel  
South Coast AQMD  
Ambient Air Quality & Noise Consulting  
RCTC  
Dokken Engineering  
Caltrans  
Antelope Valley AQMD  
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*McDonnell, Cayla  
Odufalu, Olufemi  
Oslick, Stephanie  
Pheifer, Eric  
Quintero, Gustavo  
Saint, Catherine  
Sansonetti, Nancy  
Tavitas, Rodney  
Vaca, Erika  
Wong, Alison  
Yoon, Andrew  
Zuk, Kimberly*

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RCTC - Bechtel  
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## MEETING SUMMARY

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Lijin Sun, SCAG, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1. October 22, 2024 TCWG Meeting Minutes  
The meeting minutes were approved.

### 4. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 4.1. Reviews of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

- **Attachment 4.1-1: 4G07421:** it was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.
- **Attachment 4.1-2: SBD990214:** it was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.
- **Attachment 4.1-3: SBD990211:** it was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.
- **Attachment 4.1-4: 20192702:** it was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.
- **Attachment 4.1-5: RIV050535A:** it was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.
- **Attachment 4.1-6: RIV160405:** Additional information on the project's build and no-build impacts on truck traffic was requested. No determination was made at the meeting.
- **Attachment 4.1-7: SB200810:** it was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.
- **Attachment 4.1-8: ORA131105:** it was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.

#### 4.2. RTP Update

Agustin Barajas, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2025 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1, including the associated transportation conformity analysis, were expected to receive final federal approval in December 2024.

#### 4.3. FTIP Update

Agustin Barajas, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2023 FTIP Amendment #23-37 was approved on November 22, 2024. 2023 FTIP Administrative Modification #23-28 was approved on November 25, 2024. These two amendments concluded all project revisions to the 2023 FTIP as SCAG transitioned to the 2025 FTIP.
- 2025 FTIP Amendment #25-01 was expected to receive federal approval after the final federal approval of the 2025 FTIP.
- SCAG staff was preparing 2025 FTIP Administrative Modification #25-02 and Amendment #25-03, due to SCAG on January 14, 2025, to capture additional project updates between the federal approval of the 2025 FTIP and the federal approval of 2025 FTIP Amendment #25-01.

#### 4.4. U.S. EPA Update

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

#### 4.5. CARB Update

No representative was present to provide updates.



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## 4.6. Air Districts Updates

### 4.6.1. Ventura County APCD Update

Holly Galbreath, Ventura County APCD, reported no updates.

### 4.6.2. South Coast AQMD Update

Lijin Sun, SCAG, reported on behalf of South Coast AQMD:

- On November 25, 2024, U.S. EPA announced that the South Coast Air Basin had met the 2006 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS, 35 ug/m<sup>3</sup>. South Coast AQMD would request U.S. EPA to redesignate the Basin to attainment and submit a maintenance plan in 2025. South Coast AQMD would work with staff from SCAG and CARB to develop motor vehicle emission budgets for transportation conformity to include in the maintenance plan.
- The Coachella Valley ozone nonattainment area met the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS, 80 ppb, in 2024. U.S. EPA was reviewing the South Coast's AQMD request to extend the attainment year to 2024. Upon U.S. EPA's approval, South Coast AQMD would request U.S. EPA to redesignate the area to attainment and submit a maintenance plan in 2025. South Coast AQMD would work with staff from SCAG and CARB to develop MVEBs for transportation conformity to include in the maintenance plan.

### 4.6.3. Mojave Desert AQMD Update

Alan De Salvio, Mojave Desert AQMD, reported no updates.

#### 4.6.3.1. Status Update on the MDAQMD Lawsuit against EPA (Case No. 23-1411)

Alan De Salvio, Mojave Desert AQMD, reported the following:

- The case was outstanding, and the related sanctions clocks were still pending.
- The Mojave Desert AQMD appealed the U.S. EPA's limited disapproval, which started the sanctions clocks. In September 2024, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit made a decision that was in favor of the Mojave Desert AQMD, and that the Mojave Desert AQMD's request to stay sanctions was deemed moot. The U.S. EPA had not taken formal action in response to the Court's decision.
- The Mojave Desert AQMD would seek an immediate injunctive relief with regards to the pending sanctions.

### 4.6.4. Antelope Valley AQMD Update

Barbara Lods, Antelope Valley AQMD, reported no updates.

#### 4.6.4.1. Status Update on the AVAQMD Lawsuit against EPA (Case No. 23-1614)

Barbara Lods, Antelope Valley AQMD, reported the following:

- Amendments to the Antelope Valley AQMD's new sources review (NSR) program Rules 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, 1309 and a new Rule 1314 were noticed to the public on November 29, 2024.
- The NSR Rules Package would be presented to the Antelope Valley AQMD Governing Board for adoption at the December 30, 2024 Governing Board meeting and subsequent submittal to U.S. EPA through CARB.
- Amendments to the Antelope Valley AQMD's NSR Rules were expected to be approvable by U.S. EPA to address the active sanctions clocks.

### 4.6.5. Imperial County APCD Update

No representative was present to provide updates.

## 5. INFORMATION SHARING

No information was shared.



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## 6. ADJOURNMENT

The next TCWG meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 in-person, via Zoom, and by teleconference. Please submit PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms for the next meeting to Lijin Sun, [sunl@scag.ca.gov](mailto:sunl@scag.ca.gov), by Tuesday, January 14, 2025.