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

**April 24, 2012
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:

Abrishami, Lori	LA Metro
Nord, Greg	OCTA

SCAG

Asuncion, John
Luo, Rongsheng
Sangkapichai, Mana
Sherwood, Arnie

Via Teleconference:

Brady, Mike	Caltrans Headquarters
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Crow, Jason	ARB
Drummonds, Eyvonne	SCAQMD
Fagan, Paul	Caltrans, District 8
Higgins, Kathryn	SCAQMD
Lay, Keith	LSA Associate
O'Connor, Karina	EPA, Region 9
Odufalu, Olufemi	Caltrans, District 8
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**

Greg Nord, OCTA, called the meeting to order at 10:05a.m.

2.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no comments.

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3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 TCWG February 28, 2012 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

3.2 TCWG March 27, 2012 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Qualitative Analyses

1) RIV071250

The project sponsor submitted a memorandum informing the TCWG that a preferred alternative has been identified for the State Route 91 Corridor Improvement Project. The preferred alternative is from the two build alternatives whose PM hot spot analysis was previously deemed by TCWG to be acceptable for NEPA circulation.

4.2 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff continued working diligently on the 2013 FTIP.
- 2011 FTIP Administrative Modification #23 was approved.
- Staff was still waiting for the necessary approvals for Amendment #22.

4.3 RTP Update

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following on behalf of Ryan Kuo, SCAG:

- The 2012-2035 RTP/SCS was adopted by SCAG's Regional Council at its April 4th Meeting, without any objections, and was forwarded to the federal reviewing agencies for approval. The federal review typically takes about 2 months.
- All RTP/SCS related documents can be downloaded from SCAG website. The more user friendly version, called iRTP, would be released within a month.
- SCAG Staff would like to thank all partners for the extended efforts that they had put into the development of this milestone RTP/SCS.

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4.4 EPA Update

Karina O'Connor, EPA, reported the following:

- EPA set up another interagency consultation meeting on May 8 to discuss project lists for the highway sanctions in Imperial County.

4.5 ARB Update

Jason Crow, ARB, reported the following:

- ARB staff continued working with EPA to finalize the EMFAC2011 Guidance for PM Hot-Spot Analysis.

4.6 Air Districts Update

Eyvonne Drummonds, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- District staff continued working on the draft components of the 2012 AQMP. The modeling analysis was done and the development of control strategies and measures were expected to start very soon.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, provided the following update on the development of the 2012 AQMP Appendix IV-C:

- As required by federal and state laws, SCAG is responsible for developing the regional transportation strategies and control measures for the AQMP, known as Appendix IV-C. The 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, which was adopted by SCAG's Regional Council on April 4, 2012, constitutes the regional transportation strategies for the 2012 AQMP and will be summarized in the Appendix IV-C. TCMs will also be discussed and listed in the Appendix.
- SCAG was preparing the Reasonably Available Control Measure (RACM) analysis as another chapter for the AQMP Appendix IV-C. As required by the Federal Clean Air Act, the RACM analysis must be included as part of overall control strategies in the AQMP/SIP. The purpose of the RACM Analysis is to ensure that all potential control measures are evaluated for implementation and justification is provided for those measures that are not implemented.
- An overview of the Draft 2012 AQMP Appendix IV-C will be presented to TCWG next month. The Draft Appendix IV-C was scheduled to be presented to SCAG's Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) in early June for approval to be transmitted to the South Coast AQMD and will go through a public review and comment period as part of the 2012 AQMP. After the public review, the Final 2012 AQMP Appendix IV-C will be presented to SCAG's RC for final approval.

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4.7 Conformity SIP

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following:

- As a follow up to the March 27 TCWG meeting, SCAQMD, VCAPCD, and SCAG staff held a teleconference to discuss a number of options for the conformity SIP revision. Based on the preliminary review and discussion of the South Coast and Ventura County Conformity SIPs, the MTC and Clark County Conformity SIPs that were approved by EPA, and EPA's Conformity SIP Guidelines, the group reached a consensus on one approach. Under the approach, the currently signed MOU would not need to be amended so the MOU will not need to go through the signature process. Although the currently signed MOU requires some minor clarifications and updates, such clarifications and updates can be done through the Air District's transportation conformity rule revision. SCAG's Legal Counsel believed that such an approach is acceptable since the MOU is part of the District rule. In addition, the MOU is legally enforceable under California State law.
- The proposed approach was forwarded to EPA for comments.

Karina O'Connor, EPA, reported the following:

- EPA Region 9 staff will work with EPA Headquarters to determine whether the MOU can be changed without going back to signature and will also review if the MOU meets all requirements.
- EPA had sent a MOU check list to involved parties. This check list will help to indicate status of the MOU components which will help speed up the review process.

5.0 **INFORMATION SHARING**

None

6.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on May 22, 2012 at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.