



TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

April 23, 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 for listening in SCAG's office.

Attendee List

SCAG Staff:

Banuelos, Ryan
Barajas, Agustin
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Sun, Lijin

Via Zoom and Teleconference:

Bade, Rabindra
Brugger, Ron
Cooper, Keith
Dorantes, Michael
Emery, Edward
Espinosa Araiza, Erika
Galbreath, Holly
Garfio, Angel
Huddleston, Lori
Kalandiyur, Nesamani
Kang, Peter
Lay, Keith
Lee, David
Lugaro, Julie
Maggioncalda, Emma
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MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Rabindra Bade, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1. February 27, 2024 TCWG Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved.

3.2. March 26, 2024 TCWG Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were deferred to the next TCWG meeting.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. RTP Update

Agustin Barajas, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG's Regional Council adopted the final Connect SoCal 2024 (Plan), including transportation conformity analysis, at its April 4, 2024 meeting. The Plan was subsequently submitted to federal reviewing agencies (FHWA and FTA) for final review and approval. Final approval was anticipated by June 5, 2024.
- SCAG staff was developing Amendment No. 1 to the adopted Connect SoCal 2024 in conjunction with the 2025 FTIP and the associated federally required transportation conformity analysis.
- SCAG staff anticipated the release of the draft 2025 FTIP and Amendment No. 1 to Connect SoCal 2024, including the transportation conformity analysis in July 2024 for a 30-day public review period. SCAG's Regional Council would consider the 2025 FTIP and Amendment No. 1 to Connect SoCal 2024, including the transportation conformity analysis, for approval anticipated in Fall 2024 and federal approval by mid-December 2024.

4.2. FTIP Update

Agustin Barajas, SCAG, reported the following:

- The 2023 FTIP Administrative Modification #23-25 was approved by SCAG on April 17, 2024. This administrative amendment included programming updates to capture recently approved highway bridge program and FTA 5310 program updates.
- The 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-26, which was the joint FTIP amendment to the 2024 RTP/SCS, was adopted by SCAG's Regional Council on April 4, 2024. Staff anticipated receiving the final transportation conformity determination by June 5, 2024.
- The 2023 FTIP Amendment #23-27 completed a 10-day public review and comment period that ended on April 18, 2024. Six public comments were received, had been addressed, and included in the submittal for federal approval anticipated before the end of April.
- The 2023 FTIP Administrative Modification #23-28 was currently under review. Approval by SCAG was anticipated within the next two weeks.

4.2.1. Status Update on Transportation Conformity Determination for the Final Connect SoCal 2024

Lijin Sun, SCAG, reported the following:

- As reported under Item 4.1, SCAG's Regional Council adopted Connect SoCal 2024, including the final transportation conformity analysis on April 4, 2024.
- The final transportation conformity determination was submitted to federal reviewing agencies for final approval by June 5, 2024.



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4.3. EPA Update

Michael Dorantes, EPA, reported the following:

- On April 22, 2024, EPA published in the Federal Register a proposed approval of Antelope Valley AQMD and Mojave Desert AQMD's respective Rule 315 and subsequently proposed to defer sanctions. The deferral was effective immediately. Sanctions previously triggered by EPA's final disapproval of Rule 315 would be permanently lifted upon final approval of the rule.

4.3.1. Status Update on the SCAQMD Lawsuit against EPA (Case No. 2:23-cv-02646)

Karina O'Connor, EPA, reported the following:

- EPA confirmed that the EPA final action deadline indicated in the proposed consent decree had been extended by 30 days from July 1, 2024 to July 31, 2024.

4.4. ARB Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, reported the following:

- CARB staff was developing the next version of the EMFAC model, also known as EMFAC202Y. An alpha version for model testing purposes would be released in summer 2024.
- CARB staff was working with South Coast AQMD staff to develop draft motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEBs) as well as VMT offset demonstration for the Coachella Valley Extreme nonattainment area 75 ppb ozone SIP and would present them to TCWG for interagency consultation at the future meeting.

In response to a question, Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, stated that he would confirm if the alpha version of EMFAC202Y would be released for interagency consultation before for public review.

In response to a question, Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, stated that CARB would be using the latest EPA-approved EMFAC2021 to develop MVEBs for the Coachella Valley Extreme nonattainment area 75 ppb ozone SIP.

4.5. Air Districts Updates

4.5.1. Status Update on EPA Final Limited Disapproval of Reasonable Available Control Technology Demonstrations for Sources Covered by the EPA's 2016 Oil and Gas Control Techniques Guidelines for VCAPCD

Holly Galbreath, VCAPCD, reported the following:

- No updates were provided.

4.5.2. Status Update on EPA Proposed Limited Disapproval of SCAQMD Rules 1106, 1106.1, and 1107; Final Limited Disapproval of SCAQMD Rule 1118; Final Limited Disapproval of Reasonable Available Control Technology Demonstrations for Sources Covered by the EPA's 2016 Oil and Gas Control Techniques Guidelines for SCAQMD; Failure to Submit Contingency Measures for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS for Coachella Valley Ozone Nonattainment Area; Failure to Submit the Required 2012 Annual Fine Particulate Matter State Implementation Plan Elements for the South Coast Air Basin; Failure to Submit State Implementation Plan Submissions for the 2012 Annual Fine Particulate Matter in the South Coast Air Basin; EPA Proposed Disapproval of the Contingency Measure Plan for the 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS in the South Coast Air Basin

- No representative was present to provide an update.



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- 4.5.3. Status Update on EPA Final Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 1160; Final Disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 315; Failure to Submit Contingency Measures for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS for San Bernardino County Portion of West Mojave Desert Ozone Nonattainment Area; Final Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rules 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, and 1305; Final Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 1157; and Proposed Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 401
- No representative was present to provide an update.

- 4.5.3.1. Status Update on the MDAQMD Lawsuit against EPA (Case No. 23-1411)
- No representative was present to provide an update.

- 4.5.4. Status Update on EPA Final Disapproval of AVAQMD Rule 315; Failure to Submit Contingency Measures for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS for Antelope Valley Portion of West Mojave Desert Ozone Nonattainment Area; and Final Limited Disapproval of AVAQMD Rules 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, and 1309

Lijin Sun, SCAG, reported the following update on behalf of AVAQMD staff:

- As reported under Item 4.3, AVAQMD staff received EPA's proposed approval of Antelope Valley AQMD's Rule 315 and the associated interim final determination (IFD) based on the proposed approval. The effect of the IFD was that sanctions were deferred immediately effective April 22, 2024.
- The Contingency Measure Plan for the Antelope Valley AQMD portion of the West Mojave Desert was submitted to CARB on April 16, 2024 and subsequently submitted to EPA on April 22, 2024.

- 4.5.4.1. Status Update on the AVAQMD Lawsuit against EPA (Case No. 23-1614)
- No updates were provided.

5. INFORMATION SHARING

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next TCWG meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 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, by Tuesday, May 14, 2024.