



TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

December 2, 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:

Calderon, Karen
Gutierrez, Pablo
Northfield, Shea
Sangkapichai, Mana
Sun, Lijin

Via Zoom and Teleconference:

Acebo, Mervin
Amanin, Jasmine
Ashoor, Aveen
Bade, Rabindra
Becha, Karishma
Berge, Brent
Caraig Jr., Ricardo
Comstock, Laura
Dodson, Kimberly
Dorantes, Michael
Ditto, Jessica
Hendrawan, Kevin
Hernandez Rios, Kevin
Inouye, Eric
Johnson, Darin
Kalandiyur, Nesamani
Lay, Keith
Lee, David
Lee, Sang-Mi
Lewis, David
Lising, Ronnel
Masters, Martha
Nord, Greg
Quintero, Gustavo
Schnapp, Angela
Tavitas, Rodney
Vaca, Erika
Walden, Danny
Weber, Casey
Wong, Alison
Yoon, Andrew

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FHWA
Caltrans District 11
Caltrans District 12
Caltrans HQ
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GPA Consulting
Caltrans District 11
EPA Region 9
Michael Baker International
CARB
Caltrans HQ
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Mark Thomas
CARB
ICF
Caltrans District 8
South Coast AQMD
RCTC
Caltrans District 12
RCTC
OCTA
Bechtel/RCTC
Parsons
Caltrans HQ
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Michael Baker International
Parsons
Caltrans District 7
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MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Karen Calderon, SCAG, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1. October 28, 2025 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. Review of PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms

- **Attachment 4.1-1: RIV071254:** It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.
- **Attachment 4.1-2: RIV180104:** It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.

4.2. RTP Update

Shea Northfield, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2024 RTP/SCS Amendment 2 projects were due to SCAG on December 5, 2025.

4.3. FTIP Update

Shea Northfield, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2025 FTIP Administrative Modification #25-17 would be transmitted to CTIPS for federal approval.
- 2025 FTIP Amendment #25-18 was under analysis by SCAG staff.
- 2027 FTIP project submissions were due to SCAG by January 6, 2026.
- Award recommendations for SCAG's STBG and CMAQ funding cycle would be considered by SCAG's Regional Council on December 4, 2025.

4.4. U.S. EPA Update

Michael Dorantes, U.S. EPA, reported the following:

- On November 21, 2025, U.S. EPA approved CARB off-model adjustment factors for EMFAC2021 to remove emission benefits attributed to several California motor vehicle control measures.
- For further details regarding specific measures removed and implications on both regional and project-level conformity, please refer to the U.S. EPA approval letter: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2025-12/EPA%20Off-Model%20Adjustment%20Factors%20Approval%20Letter.pdf>
- Rodney Tavitas, Caltrans HQ, noted that Caltrans HQ staff had distributed the letter to the California MPOs that were subject to transportation conformity, some of whom would need to update their EIR analysis for their RTP to reflect the new adjustment factors.



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4.5. CARB Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, reported no updates.

4.5.1. Status Update on EMFAC2021 in Response to California's Clean Air Act's Waivers Revocation

Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, reported the following:

- CARB received the letter from U.S. EPA approving the adjustment factors. The approval letter, adjustment factors, and guidance memo on how to use the adjustment factors are available on CARB's website. See item 4.4. U.S. EPA Update.
- The U.S. EPA-approved adjustment factors removed the benefits of two of the state's air regulations, namely the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) and the Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Omnibus Low NOx regulations.

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

Karen Calderon, SCAG, reported no update on behalf of Mojave Desert AQMD.

4.6.4. Antelope Valley AQMD Update

No representative was present to provide updates.

4.6.5. Imperial County APCD Update

No representative was present to provide updates.

5. INFORMATION SHARING

Rodney Tavitas, Caltrans HQ, announced a Statewide Conformity Working Group meeting was planned for 2026. Additionally, a potential new conformity training opportunity was under development.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next TCWG meeting would be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 in-person, via Zoom, and by teleconference. PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms were due to Karen Calderon, via email at calderon@scag.ca.gov, by Tuesday, January 13, 2026.