



TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

Attendee List

SCAG Staff:

Banuelos, Ryan
Calderon, Karen
McAlpine, Shannon
Sun, Lijin

Via Zoom and Teleconference:

Ashimine, Alan
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Calvert, Brian
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Chen, Yu-Jen
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Dorantes, Michael
Edles Yanez, Joie
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Hallman, Ryan
Hernandez Rios, Kevin
Huddleston, Lori
Huynh, Derek
Kerenyi, John
Lay, Keith
Lugaro, Julie
Marroquin, Nancy
Martinez, Alfredo
Nguyen, Kaylee
Nord, Greg
Ojeda, Alexandria
Owens, David
Pacheco, Franco
Ruan, Michelle
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MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER

Greg Nord, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1. August 25, 2026 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 RIV250901:** Determination deferred pending submission of horizon year traffic forecasts and LOS information for all study intersections. A member of the public commented in support of Attachment 4.1-1 RIV250901 project.
- **Attachment 4.1-2 RIV150901A:** Following review of the supplemental information provided after the meeting, it was determined through email concurrence that this project is not a project of air quality concern.
- **Attachment 4.1-3 RIV151103:** It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.
- **Attachment 4.1-4 LAMIP106:** Following review of the supplemental information provided after the meeting, it was determined through email concurrence that this project is not a project of air quality concern.

For future reference, U.S. EPA staff noted that PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms should include complete traffic forecasts and LOS information for all study intersections used to support project determinations.

4.2. RTP Update

Shannon McAlpine, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG held a kickoff meeting with county transportation commissions on August 27, 2026 to initiate project input solicitation for Connect SoCal 2050.
- The meeting provided an overview of project input requirements and demonstrated the use of the eRTP Project Tracker.
- The project input period for Connect SoCal 2050 was open through November 6, 2026.

4.3. FTIP Update

Shannon McAlpine, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2025 FTIP Administrative Modification #25-32 was approved and uploaded to CTIPS on August 28, 2026.
- 2025 FTIP Administrative Modification #25-33 was approved and uploaded to CTIPS on



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September 18, 2026.

- SCAG staff was reviewing the analysis for 2025 FTIP Amendment #25-34.
- The 2027 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 were approved by the SCAG Regional Council on September 3, 2026.
- The 2027 FTIP would be uploaded to CTIPS by September 30, 2026.
- SCAG staff continued to analyze Amendment #27-01, which would be released for a 10-day public review period in October 2026.

4.4. Status Update on the Transportation Conformity Analysis of the Final 2027 FTIP and Final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2

Ryan Banuelos, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG Regional Council adopted the Transportation Conformity Analyses for the 2027 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 on September 3, 2026.
- Final federal transportation conformity approvals were anticipated in December 2026.
- SCAG staff planned to initiate interagency consultation for transportation conformity analyses supporting Connect SoCal 2050 in the coming months.

4.5. U.S. EPA Update

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

- The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia ruled that U.S. EPA's June 2026 transmittal of California waivers to Congress under the Congressional Review Act (CRA) constituted final agency action subject to judicial review.
- The Court issued preliminary injunction ordering U.S. EPA to withdraw the June 2026 transmittal of waivers or correct the reclassification of the waiver as "rules" under the CRA and submit a report describing how the agency intended to respond.
- U.S. EPA staff emphasized that the update did not represent future agency actions or policy positions.

4.6. CARB Update

Greg Nord, TCWG Chair, reported the following on behalf of CARB staff:

- CARB staff continued coordination with U.S. EPA to address comments on EMFAC2025.
- Once comments were addressed, CARB intended to submit the model to U.S. EPA for review and approval.

4.7. Air Districts Updates

4.7.1. Ventura County APCD Update

Holly Galbreath, Ventura County APCD, reported no update.

4.7.2. South Coast AQMD Update

SCAG staff reported no updates on behalf of South Coast AQMD staff.

4.7.3. Mojave Desert AQMD Update



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No representative was present to provide updates.

4.7.4. Antelope Valley AQMD Update

No representative was present to provide updates.

4.7.5. Imperial County APCD Update

No representative was present to provide updates.

5. INFORMATION SHARING

Rodney Tavitias, Caltrans Headquarters, reported that the next statewide Conformity Working Group meeting was anticipated to occur in 2027 due to ongoing federal and state conformity issues related to approval of the 2027 FTIP.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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