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

**February 28, 2012  
Minutes**

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**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:**

Larwood, Charlie	OCTA
Shavit, Avital	Metro

**SCAG**

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

**Via Teleconference:**

Brady, Mike	Caltrans Headquarters
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Castro, Fernando	Caltrans, District 7
Crow, Jason	ARB
Estrella, Romeo	Caltrans, District 12
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Higgins, Kathryn	SCAQMD
Joshi, Melissa	Caltrans, District 7
Krebs, Cindy	OCTA
Louka, Tony	Caltrans, District 8
O'Connor, Karina	EPA, Region 9
Sonnenberg, Stew	FHWA
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, welcomed Charlie Larwood, OCTA, as the new TCWG Chair and acknowledged Lori Abrishami, LA Metro, for her efficient and effective service as TCWG Chair over the past year.

Mr. Larwood, OCTA, called the meeting to order at 10:05a.m.

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**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no comments.

**3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

**3.1 TCWG January 24, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were approved.

**4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

**4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms**

1) 1TL204

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

2) RIV090902

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

**4.2 Review of PM Hot Spot Qualitative Analyses**

1) LA0B952

Andrew Yoon, Caltrans District 7, provided a status update on revisions to the qualitative PM hot spot analysis. Upon his request, a subcommittee will be formed to review the revised analysis prior to discussion and review by the TCWG.

**4.3 FTIP Update**

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2011 FTIP Administrative Modification #21 was approved earlier this month.
- 2011 FTIP Amendment #20 would be sent to Caltrans for approval today.
- 2013 FTIP Submittals were under staff analysis.

**4.4 RTP Update**

Ryan Kuo, SCAG, reported the following:

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- Public comment period for the Draft 2012-2035 RTP/SCS ended on February 14. About 1,500 individual comments were received from 160 commenters.
- Summary of comments and proposed staff responsive approach would be presented at the next SCAG's joint Policy Committees Meeting on March 1.
- Comments received would be posted on SCAG website and draft staff responses would be presented at the joint Policy Committees Meeting on March 21.
- SCAG staff would like to thank all partners for their helps throughout the past few years and looks forward to continuing collaboration with all partners towards finalizing the RTP/SCS document with the target date of April 4, 2012 for adoption.

In response to a question, Jason Crow, ARB, stated that the hearings for the Draft 2012-2035 RTP/SCS would be held at ARB Board Meeting on March 22 or 23 and staff report would be available prior to the meeting.

4.5 EPA Update

Karina O'Connor, EPA, reported the following:

- EPA Administrator signed the Conformity Restructuring Amendments Final Rule on February 15. This amendment will apply to any new NAAQS that EPA establishes in the future. A major change is the removal of the requirement for a new analysis year for some situations.
- EPA held another interagency consultation on February 3 to discuss the process to implement the highway sanctions in Imperial County. FHWA gave a walkthrough of the process and answered a number of questions regarding project selection. The next step is to clarify follow-up questions. EPA expected to set up the next meeting in March. FHWA would like to get a draft of project list as soon as possible to move the process forward.

Ilene Gallo, Caltrans, District 11, responded that they were working on the draft version of the project list.

- EPA was directed by the Court on February 14 to go to mediation on the litigation with Imperial County. More detail would be reported next month.
- Final approval of the South Coast 2007 8-Hour Ozone Plan including the new ozone conformity budgets was signed by EPA Administrator on December 15, 2011. However, the Federal Register Notice still has not been published yet and the rule will not become effective until 60-day after the publication. Based on this timeline, the new budgets will become effective after scheduled adoption of

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the final 2012-2035 RTP/SCS but may be before FHWA/FTA conformity determination.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported that an information item, showing that the Draft 2012-2035 RTP/SCS meets the future effective ozone budgets for South Coast Air Basin, will be on the agenda of the next SCAG Energy and Environment Committee (ECC) meeting on March 1.

4.6 ARB Update

Jason Crow, ARB, reported the following:

- ARB staff continued working on updating the Draft PM Hot-Spot Analysis Guidance for EMFAC2011 and the Draft Guidance was expected to be done by the next month.

4.7 Air Districts Update

Kathryn Higgins, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- The 2008 base year emissions were currently evaluated for the 2012 AQMP.
- The District was waiting for baseline future growth inventories from ARB.
- The next AQMP Advisory Group meeting would be held on March 15.

5.0 **INFORMATION SHARING**

Mike Brady, Caltrans Headquarters, stated that the next Statewide Conformity Working Group Teleconference Meeting would be held on March 8, from 9am-12am.

6.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on March 27, 2012 at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.