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

**September 27, 2016
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:

Castro, Fernando	Caltrans, District 7
Chiou, Wayne	Caltrans, District 12
Huddleston, Lori	LA Metro
Sherwood, Arnie	UC Berkeley
Walecka, Carla	TCA

SCAG:

Asuncion, John
Au, Anita
Gutierrez, Pablo
Lopez, Maria
Luo, Rongsheng
Luo, Yunsheng
Tran, Daniel

Via Teleconference:

Alvarez, Grace	RCTC
Brugger, Ron	LSA Associates
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Cheng, Jack	SCAQMD
Espinoza, Oscar	City of Coachella
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Hudson, Kerrie	Caltrans, District 8
Kulkarni, Anup	OCTA
Malisos, Achilles	Michael Baker International
McFall, Valerie	TCA
Mejia, James	SANBAG
Nguyendo, Kevin	Caltrans Headquarters
Nord, Greg	OCTA
O'Connor, Karina	EPA, Region 9
Pereira, Melina	Caltrans, District 11
Sheehy, Erin	OCTA

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Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans Headquarters
Vaughn, Joseph	FHWA
Wade, Dennis	ARB
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTION

Wayne Chiou, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, expressed his appreciation to Lori Huddleston, Metro, for filling in for him to chair August 23, 2016 TCWG meeting. In addition, Mr. Luo stated that Heather King, ARB, is going out on maternity leave and will no longer attend TCWG meeting as an ARB representative. Mr. Luo acknowledged Ms. King for her service and contributions to TCWG and expressed his well wishes for her maternity leave.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 May 24, 2016 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

3.2 June 28, 2016 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

3.3 July 26, 2016 TCWG Meeting Minutes
Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, stated that a minor revision will be made to state that Imperial County Ozone SIP is due to U.S. EPA on January 1, 2017 under Item 4.8 Air Districts Update. The meeting minutes were approved pending the revision (Revised July 26, 2016 TCWG meeting minutes have been posted on TCWG web site after meeting).

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms
1) **RIV151216**
It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

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2) **RIV151217**

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

4.2 SR-241 TCM Substitution Request

Anup Kulkarni, OCTA, reported the following:

- OCTA staff was presenting formal OCTA SR-241 TCM Substitution Request to replace SR-241 Extension TCM (ORA052) with SR-241/SR-91 Express Lanes Connector project (ORA111207).
- Draft SR-241 TCM substitution analysis was presented to TCWG in February, March, May, and July 2016 respectively; all comments received have been addressed in the OCTA SR-241 TCM Substitution Request.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, clarified that SCAG staff will prepare a TCM substitution report shortly and release it for a 30-day public review. Upon conclusion of public review, TCM substitution will be presented to SCAG Energy and Environmental Committee for recommendation to SCAG Regional Council for adoption, tentatively scheduled for December 2016 or January 2017. Upon adoption by Regional Council, TCM substitution will be forwarded to ARB and EPA for their respective concurrence. TCM substitution will become effective upon ARB and EPA concurrence.

4.3 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG Regional Council adopted 2017 FTIP on September 1, 2016; Caltrans approval was anticipated in November 2016 and federal approval in mid-December 2016.
- 2017 FTIP Amendment #17-01 went through a 10-day public comment period and has been subsequently submitted to Caltrans; Anticipated Caltrans and federal approval dates are the same as those for 2017 FTIP.

4.4 RTP Update

Daniel Tran, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG received project input from CTCs for 2016-2040 RTP/SCS Amendment No. 1 and consistency 2017 FTIP amendment on September 14, 2016.
- SCAG staff was working on coding transportation networks for the Amendments.

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- 4.5 Update on Draft 2016 South Coast AQMP Appendix IV-C
Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following:
- Draft Appendix IV-C was transmitted to South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) for inclusion in Draft 2016 South Coast AQMP for initial public review.
 - Initial public review period concluded in mid-August; although over 60 public comments were received, none were specific to Draft Appendix IV-C.
 - Draft Appendix IV-C had been revised to address informal comments from EPA and SCAQMD staff, and Revised Draft Appendix IV-C would be transmitted to SCAQMD shortly for inclusion in Revised Draft 2016 South Coast AQMP for second public review.
 - After final public review, Final Appendix IV-C will be presented to SCAG Regional Council for approval of transmittal to SCAQMD for inclusion in Final 2016 South Coast AQMP.
- 4.6 EPA Update
Karina O'Connor, EPA Region 9, reported that Final PM_{2.5} SIP Implementation Rule was published in Federal Register on August 24, 2016.
- 4.7 ARB Update
Dennis Wade, ARB, reported the following:
- Imperial County APCD is developing 2012 Annual PM_{2.5} SIP which includes a proposed transportation conformity budget for unpaved road dusts only for attainment year of 2014. Proposed budget had been provided to SCAG and EPA for interagency consultation.
 - Draft Imperial County SIP will be released for a 30-day public review before Imperial County APCD Board adoption hearing in November 2016. Final SIP will be forwarded to ARB then EPA for review and approval.
- 4.8 Air Districts Update
Jack Cheng, SCAQMD, reported the following:
- SCAQMD staff planned to address all 67 public comments received from initial Draft 2016 South Coast AQMP comment period by end of September 2016.
 - SCAQMD Board approval was anticipated in December 2016 with a possible 60-day extension to February 2017.

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Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported the following:

- Draft 2016 Ventura County AQMP is scheduled to be released within one week or two for a 30-day public review period.
- VCAPCD Board approval of Final 2016 Ventura County AQMP is anticipated in December 2016.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, encouraged TCWG members to attend Regional Council meeting on September 31 for a presentation on 2016 South Coast AQMP by Acting Executive Officer of SCAQMD.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.