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

**March 26, 2013  
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:**

Abrishami, Lori	Metro
Castro, Fernando	Caltrans, District 7
Shavit, Avital	Metro

**SCAG**

Asuncion, John  
Au, Anita  
Luo, Rongsheng  
Sherwood, Arnie

**Via Teleconference:**

Brady, Mike	Caltrans Headquarters
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Cooper, Keith	ICF International
Crow, Jason	ARB
Fagan, Paul	Caltrans, District 8
Higgins, Kathryn	SCAQMD
Marquez-Chavez, Jose	Caltrans, District 11
O'Connor, Karina	EPA, Region 9
Sonnenberg, Stew	FWHA
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9
Walecka, Carla	TCA
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7

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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, welcomed Fernando Castro, Caltrans District 7, as new TCWG Chair for the next 12 months.

Mr. Castro, Caltrans District 7, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

**3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

3.1 TCWG January 22, 2012 Meeting Minutes  
The minutes were approved.

3.2 TCWG February 26, 2013 Meeting Minutes  
The minutes were approved.

**4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) RIV011233  
It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

4.2 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- FTIP Amendment #13-06 was posted for public review on the SCAG website.
- FTIP Amendment #13-03 received federal approval earlier this month.
- Project submittals for the next FTIP Administrative Modification would be due April 9, 2013.

4.3 RTP Update

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following on the behalf of Ryan Kuo, SCAG:

- The Draft 2012-2035 RTP/SCS Amendment #1 was on schedule to be approved for release for a 30-day public review and comment period by SCAG's Transportation Committee on April 4, 2013.

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- The RTP/SCS Subcommittees had concluded their work and would be presenting their recommendations to their respective reporting policy committees at their next meetings on April 4, 2013.

4.4 Transportation Conformity Determination for the Morongo, Pechanga, and Rest of South Coast Air Basin Nonattainment Areas for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards Draft Report

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following:

- As discussed and concurred by TCWG, the EPA's *Guidance for Transportation Conformity Implementation in Multi-Jurisdictional Nonattainment and Maintenance Area* is the applicable guidance for performing conformity analysis for the Morongo and Pechanga ozone nonattainment areas.
- SCAG had performed the draft conformity analysis for both areas per the Guidance including modeling and emissions analysis for the new attainment years.
- As recommended by TCWG, SCAG held a teleconference earlier this month among key stakeholders including representatives from Morongo, Pechanga, EPA, FHWA, Caltrans Headquarters and District 8, RCTC, and SCAG. The preliminary draft conformity analysis was presented and discussed at the meeting.
- Subsequently, the draft conformity analysis was released for a 15-day public review which would conclude March 29. SCAG would compile, respond to, and report on any comments received.
- The draft conformity analysis was being presented to TCWG for discussion and review today.
- SCAG staff planned to present the conformity determination to SCAG's Energy and Environment Committee and Regional Council for approval at their next meetings on April 4, 2013.
- Upon adoption by the Regional Council, the conformity determination would be submitted to FHWA/FTA for approval.
- The draft conformity analysis for Morongo and Pechanga demonstrates conformity. Specifically, the regional emissions of ozone precursors from the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and 2013 FTIP meet all applicable emission budget tests for all milestone, attainment, and planning horizon years for Morongo, Pechanga, and the rest of South Coast Air Basin nonattainment areas under the 2008 8-hour ozone standards.
- The Regional Council in March adopted the conformity re-determination for the other five of the seven 2008 8-hour ozone nonattainment areas and the conformity redetermination had been submitted to FHWA/FTA for approval.

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- The conformity analysis presented to TCWG today reaffirms all the approved conformity findings for both 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and 2013 FTIP as previously amended as well as all applicable conformity findings in the previous RTP/SCS and FTIP conformity re-determination including consistency with the adopted RTP/SCS, regional emissions analyses, financial constraints, timely implementation on TCMs, and interagency consultation and public participation.
- Upon RC's adoption and submittal to FHWA/FTA, this transportation conformity determination covers the Morongo and Pechanga ozone nonattainment areas and also updates the previous RTP/SCS and FTIP conformity re-determination for the whole South Coast Air Basin to account for the exclusion of the Morongo and Pechanga Indian Country nonattainment areas.

4.5 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA, reported the following:

- EPA's Region 9 Administrator signed the proposed approval of South Coast PM10 Maintenance Plan on Friday.
- The pre-published Federal Register Notice had been posted on the EPA website.
- The FR Notice was expected to be published within the next few weeks and there will be a 30 day public comment period upon publication.
- EPA is still working on the South Coast PM2.5 SIP Revision to address the Contingency Measures in the 2007 AQMP and EPA is fully aware of the Sanctions Clock.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, stated that the proposed South Coast PM10 budgets in the Maintenance Plan will be included in the conformity analysis for the SCAG's RTP/SCS Amendment No. 1 for information purposes only until the new budgets have been approved by EPA.

In response to a question, Ms. Tax, EPA, confirmed that she was not aware of any outstanding issues that were holding up EPA's approval of the Contingency Measures revision.

4.6 ARB Update

Jason Crow, ARB, reported the following:

- ARB received a draft revision of the EPA's PM Hotspot Guidance which had been updated to work with EMFAC2011.
- ARB would finalize commenting on the draft within the next week or so.

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4.7 Air Districts Update

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported no update.

Kathryn Higgins, SCAQMD, reported no update.

5.0 **INFORMATION SHARING**

Keith Cooper, ICF International, clarified that Project SBD20111625 (discussed by TCWG in January 2013) had been determined to be a POAQC due to its traffic volumes. A quantitative analysis will be performed for this project and will be presented to TCWG for comments and review.

6.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday April 23, 2012 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.