



# TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

## Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2024

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 for listening in SCAG's office.

### Attendee List

#### **SCAG Staff:**

Banuelos, Ryan  
Barajas, Agustin  
Calderon, Karen  
Luo, Rongsheng  
Sangkapichai, Mana  
Sun, Lijin

#### **Via Zoom and Teleconference:**

Bade, Rabindra  
Berge, Brent  
Brugger, Ron  
D'Onofrio, Joe  
Dorantes, Michael  
Emery, Edward  
Espinosa Araiza, Erika  
Galbreath, Holly  
Garfio, Angel  
Gaschot, Bertrand  
Getachew, Eleni  
Habib, Remon  
Hager, Mark  
Hsu, Vicky  
Huddleston, Lori  
Kaushik, Deepak  
Lay, Keith  
Lee, David  
Lin, Serena  
Lods, Barbara  
Marroquin, Nancy  
Moran, Nohemi  
Morris, Michael  
O'Connor, Karina  
Odufalu, Olufemi  
Richmai, Michael  
Sutherland, Anders  
Vaca, Erika  
Wong, Alison  
Yoon, Andrew

Caltrans District 12  
Caltrans District 11  
LSA  
Jacobs  
U.S. EPA Region 9  
RCTC  
Caltrans Headquarters (HQ)  
Ventura County APCD (VCAPCD)  
OCTA  
Mojave Desert AQMD (MDAQMD)  
Impact Sciences  
City of Lake Elsinore  
HDR  
HDR  
LA Metro, Long Range Planning  
Iteris  
ICF  
Caltrans District 8  
HDR  
Antelope Valley AQMD (AVAQMD)  
LA Metro, Long Range Planning  
SBCTA  
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Terry A Hayes Associates  
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## MEETING SUMMARY

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Rabindra Bade, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

#### 3.1. May 28, 2024 TCWG Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved.

### 4. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 4.1. Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

- 3M10WT03: it was reaffirmed that this project is not a project of air quality concern.
- RIV060109: it was reaffirmed that this project is not a project of air quality concern.

Erika Espinosa Araiza, Caltrans HQ, noted that TCWG was moving away from circulating information and concurrences via e-mails after meetings. All TCWG concurrences must occur at the meeting.

#### 4.2. RTP Update

Agustin Barajas, SCAG, reported the following:

- On June 6, 2024, SCAG's Regional Council approved the public release of draft Amendment No. 1 to Connect SoCal 2024 in conjunction with the draft 2025 FTIP, including the associated federally required draft transportation conformity analyses.
- The 30-day public review and comment period would begin July 12, 2024 and end August 12, 2024.
- SCAG's Regional Council would consider the proposed final Amendment No. 1 to Connect SoCal 2024 and the proposed final 2025 FTIP, including the associated proposed final transportation conformity analyses for approval in Fall 2024. Federal approval was anticipated in December 2024.

#### 4.3. FTIP Update

Agustin Barajas, SCAG, reported the following:

- The 2023 FTIP Administrative Modification No. 23-29 was approved on May 31, 2024.
- SCAG staff were reviewing and finalizing the 2023 FTIP Amendment No. 23-30 and Administrative Modification No. 23-31, which included programming updates from SCAG's call for projects for STBG, CMAQ, and CRP federal funding.
- The next 2023 FTIP amendment opportunities would be Administrative Modifications No. 23-32 and Amendment No. 23-33, which would be due to SCAG staff on July 9, 2024 and July 16, 2024, respectively.

#### 4.4. EPA Update

Karina O'Connor, EPA, reported the following:

- EPA was tracking multiple sanctions clocks for the SCAG region. Many clocks were paused with EPA actions, as reported at previous TCWG meetings.
- Two highway sanctions clocks were related to the new source review (NSR) rules in the MDAQMD and the AVAQMD, and two highway sanctions clocks were related to failure to submit the required SIPs by the South Coast AQMD.
- MDAQMD's litigation concerning its NSR rules would affect EPA's ability to turn off the highway sanction clock. Oral



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arguments were scheduled for August 2024. However, the Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) for the NSR rules would be due in November 2024. EPA was working on and would publish the FIP by that deadline.

- Regarding the failure to submit the required PM<sub>2.5</sub> SIP elements for the 2012 annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard in the South Coast Air Basin, South Coast AQMD had adopted the said SIP on June 7, 2024 but had not yet submitted to EPA through CARB.
- There was another pending highway sanction clock that had not begun but was expected to begin soon. It was related to EPA's proposed disapproval of South Coast AQMD's Clean Air Act 182(e)(5) Contingency Measure Plan for the 1997 8-hour ozone standard. EPA was under a consent decree to finalize that proposed action by the end of July 2024.

#### 4.4.1. Status Update on the SCAQMD Lawsuit against EPA (Case No. 2:23-cv-02646) Michael Dorantes, EPA, reported no updates.

#### 4.5. ARB Update

Lijin Sun, SCAG, reported the following on behalf of CARB staff:

- CARB staff was developing the next version of the EMFAC model, also known as EMFAC202Y. The alpha version for EMFAC202Y would be released in July 2024 for MPOs to review and testing purposes and to provide feedback. CARB staff would share the link once it became available.
- CARB staff also completed the VMT offset demonstration and motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) for the Coachella Valley Extreme nonattainment area 75 ppb ozone SIP. This item would be presented to TCWG for interagency consultation at the July TCWG meeting.

#### 4.6. Air Districts Updates

##### 4.6.1. Status Update on EPA Final Limited Disapproval of Reasonable Available Control Technology Demonstrations for Sources Covered by the EPA's 2016 Oil and Gas Control Techniques Guidelines for VCAPCD Holly Galbreath, VCAPCD, reported no updates.

##### 4.6.2. Status Update on EPA Proposed Limited Disapproval of SCAQMD Rules 1106, 1106.1, and 1107; Final Limited Disapproval of SCAQMD Rule 1118; Final Limited Disapproval of Reasonable Available Control Technology Demonstrations for Sources Covered by the EPA's 2016 Oil and Gas Control Techniques Guidelines for SCAQMD; Failure to Submit Contingency Measures for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS for Coachella Valley Ozone Nonattainment Area; Failure to Submit the Required 2012 Annual Fine Particulate Matter State Implementation Plan Elements for the South Coast Air Basin; Failure to Submit State Implementation Plan Submissions for the 2012 Annual Fine Particulate Matter in the South Coast Air Basin; EPA Proposed Disapproval of the Contingency Measure Plan for the 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS in the South Coast Air Basin No representative was present to provide updates.

##### 4.6.3. Status Update on EPA Final Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 1160; Final Disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 315; Failure to Submit Contingency Measures for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS for San Bernardino County Portion of West Mojave Desert Ozone Nonattainment Area; Final Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rules 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, and 1305; Final Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 1157; and Proposed Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 401 Bertrand Gaschot, MDAQMD, reported no updates.



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4.6.3.1. Status Update on the MDAQMD Lawsuit against EPA (Case No. 23-1411)  
Bertrand Gaschot, MDAQMD, reported no updates.

4.6.4. Status Update on EPA Final Disapproval of AVAQMD Rule 315; Failure to Submit Contingency Measures for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS for Antelope Valley Portion of West Mojave Desert Ozone Nonattainment Area; and Final Limited Disapproval of AVAQMD Rules 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, and 1309  
Barbara Lods, AVAQMD, reported no updates.

4.6.4.1. Status Update on the AVAQMD Lawsuit against EPA (Case No. 23-1614)  
Barbara Lods, AVAQMD, reported no updates.

## 5. INFORMATION SHARING

- Lijin Sun, SCAG, acknowledged that this was Rabindra Bade's last meeting as the TCWG Chair and thanked him for his contributions to TCWG this year.
- Rabindra Bade, Caltrans District 12, thanked TCWG members, projects representatives for PM hot spot interagency forms, SCAG staff, and the public for their support and contributions to TCWG discussions.
- Lijin Sun, SCAG, announced that she would be out of office and requested all PM Hot Spot Interagency Forms be sent to Karen Calderon for the next two (July and August) TCWG meetings.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

The next TCWG meeting would be held on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 in-person, via Zoom, and by teleconference. Please submit PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms for the next meeting to Karen Calderon, [calderon@scag.ca.gov](mailto:calderon@scag.ca.gov), by Tuesday, July 9, 2024.