



TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

July 28, 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
Sangkapichai, Mana
Sun, Lijin

Via Zoom and Teleconference:

Acebo, Mervin
Bade, Rabindra
Becha, Karishma
Berge, Brent
Cruz, Darwin
Dorantes, Michael
Gaschot, Bertrand
Galbreath, Holly
Guizado, Jillian
Hallman, Ryan
Hernandez Rios, Kevin
Huddleston, Lori
Kalandiyur, Nesamani
Legleiter, Kurt
Lee, Sang-Mi
Liptak, Zach
Lods, Barbara
Lugaro, Julie
Marroquin, Nancy
Militar, Janus Radley
Morris, Michael
Nguyen, Kaylee
Ojeda, Alexandria
Odufalu, Olufemi
Pheifer, Eric
Tavitas, Rodney
Todaro, Ryan
Vaca, Erika
Wong, Alison
Yoon, Andrew
Zina, Ranya
Zumwalt, Michelle
Zuniga, Mario

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Caltrans Headquarters
Caltrans District 11
Dokken Engineering
EPA Region 9
Mojave Desert AQMD
Ventura County APCD
RCTC
ICF
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CARB
Ambient Consulting
South Coast AQMD
Dokken Engineering
Antelope Valley AQMD
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Caltrans District 8
SBCTA
Caltrans District 8
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Caltrans District 7
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Caltrans District 11
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MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Karen Calderon, SCAG, served as Acting TCWG Chair and called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1. June 23, 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 4G07421:** It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.
- **Attachment 4.1-2 RIV060115:** It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.

For future references, U.S. EPA staff requested that future project presentations summarize safety and operational data included in supporting traffic studies to facilitate review.

4.2. RTP Update

Shannon McAlpine, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff would begin collecting 2028 RTP modeling changes during the late August to early September 2026 timeframe.
- SCAG would also open a 2027 FTIP modeling amendment to capture modeling changes for projects already included in the FTIP.
- Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 would be presented to SCAG's Regional Council on September 3, 2026 (see Item 4.3).

4.3. FTIP Update

Shannon McAlpine, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2025 FTIP Administrative Modifications #25-28 and #25-30 received SCAG approvals and were submitted to CTIPS.
- The public comment period for 2025 FTIP Amendment #25-29 ended on July 13, 2026. No public comments were received.
- 2025 FTIP Amendment #25-29 received state approval on July 23, 2026, and federal approval on July 24, 2026.
- SCAG staff was finalizing the analysis for 2025 FTIP Amendment #25-31, with release for a 10-day public review anticipated in late July or early August 2026.
- The draft 2027 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 were approved for release on July 6, 2026, for a 30-day public review period ending on August 4, 2026.



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- One of two public hearings was held on July 21, 2026, and the second public hearing was conducted on July 28, 2026.
- The proposed final 2027 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 would be presented to SCAG's Regional Council on September 3, 2026 with final federal approval anticipated in December 2026.
- The 2027 FTIP would be submitted to CTIPS by September 30, 2026.
- SCAG staff was analyzing 2027 FTIP Amendment #27-01, which is planned to be released for public review prior to September 30, following SCAG's submission of the 2027 FTIP to Caltrans for inclusion in the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

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

Ryan Banuelos, SCAG, reported the following:

- The draft transportation conformity analyses were released as part of the public review package for the draft 2027 FTIP and draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2.
- The transportation conformity analyses would be presented to the SCAG Regional Council on September 3, 2026, with final federal approval anticipated in December 2026 (see Item 4.3).

4.5. U.S. EPA Update

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

- On June 26, 2026, in the case of Kentucky v. EPA, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit rejected key challenges to U.S. EPA's 2024 reconsideration of the PM2.5 NAAQS and upheld the NAAQS.
- On July 17, 2026, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California ordered U.S. EPA to promulgate the 2024 PM2.5 NAAQS final designations for all areas of the country no later than February 6, 2027, following citizen suits filed under the Clean Air Act.

In response to questions, U.S. EPA staff stated that additional regulatory steps would still be required before any future 2024 PM2.5 NAAQS area designations.

4.6. CARB Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, reported the following:

- The CARB Board approved the 2015 8-hour ozone (70 ppb) SIP Revisions for the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley, including the transportation conformity budgets previously discussed by TCWG.
- CARB staff was preparing the SIP Revisions package for submittal to U.S. EPA.
- U.S. EPA would conduct its own public review process before the budgets become effective.
- CARB staff continued to work with U.S. EPA on the EMFAC2025 model package and anticipated submittal later in 2026.



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4.7. Air Districts Updates

4.7.1. Ventura County APCD Update

Holly Galbreath, Ventura County APCD, reported no updates.

4.7.2. South Coast AQMD Update

Sang-Mi Lee, South Coast AQMD, reported no updates.

4.7.3. Mojave Desert AQMD Update

Michelle Zumwalt, Mojave Desert AQMD, reported no updates.

4.7.4. Antelope Valley AQMD Update

Barbara Lods, Antelope Valley AQMD, reported the following:

- U.S. EPA finalized approval of the Antelope Valley AQMD New Source Review rule package.
- The approval would permanently remove two highway sanction clocks previously affecting the Antelope Valley AQMD jurisdiction.
- This approval would be effective August 17, 2026.

4.7.5. Imperial County APCD Update

No representative was present to provide updates.

5. INFORMATION SHARING

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next TCWG meeting would be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, and would be virtual only. PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms were due to Karen Calderon, via email at calderon@scag.ca.gov, by Tuesday, August 11, 2026.