



TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2025

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 upon request.

Attendee List

SCAG Staff:

Calderon, Karen
Guitierrez, Pablo
Northfield, Shea
Sangkapichai, Mana
Sun, Lijin
Whiteaker, Warren

Via Zoom and Teleconference:

Anderson, Keturah
Bade, Rabindra
Becha, Karishma
Berge, Brent
Brugger, Ron
Calvert, Brian
Caraig Jr., Ricardo
Cooper, Keith
Dorantes, Michael
Emery, Edward
Hague, George
Hendrawan, Kevin
Hernandez Rios, Kevin
Huddleston, Lori
Kang, Peter
Kaushik, Deepak
Lay, Keith
Lee, David
Lee, Sang-Mi
Lising, Ronnel
Lugaro, Julie
Marroquin, Nancy
Masters, Martha
McCarthy, Mike
Moran, Nohemi
Morris, Michael
Nadaf, Razi
Odufalu, Olufemi
Richmai, Michael
Segovia, Frances
Sutherland, Anders
Tavitas, Rodney
Transon, Janelle
Vaca, Erika
Wong, Alison
Yoon, Andrew
Zumwalt, Michelle

ICF
Caltrans District 12
Caltrans Headquarters (HQ)
Caltrans District 11
LSA
ICF
Caltrans District 12
ERP
EPA Region 9
RCTC
Sierra Club
CARB
Caltrans HQ
LA Metro
Caltrans HQ
Iteris
ICF
Caltrans District 8
South Coast AQMD
Caltrans District 12
Caltrans District 12
LA Metro
RCTC
Sierra Club
SBCTA
FHWA
CARB
Caltrans District 8
LA Metro
County of Riverside
Terry A. Hayes Associates
Caltrans HQ
Riverside TLMA
Caltrans HQ
Caltrans District 7
Caltrans District 7
Mojave Desert AQMD



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MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Lori Huddleston, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Chair acknowledged two comment letters that were posted and distributed to the TCWG regarding Item 4.1-1: RIV090903.

Karen Calderon, SCAG, noted that a third comment letter was received for Item 4.1-1: RIV090903. The comment letter was posted on SCAG's website and distributed to the TCWG during the meeting.

Mike McCarthy, Sierra Club, provided a public comment for Item 4.1-4: RIV090903.

George Hague, Sierra Club, provided a public comment for Item 4.1-4: RIV090903.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1. June 24, 2025 TCWG Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. Review of PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Form

- **Attachment 4.1-1: RIV090903:** It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.

For future projects seeking re-concurrence from TCWG, U.S. EPA staff emphasized the importance of using the latest planning assumptions—particularly updated Level of Service (LOS) and Average Daily Traffic (ADT) figures—if a significant amount of time has passed since the original traffic data were validated.

4.2. RTP Update

Shea Northfield, SCAG, reported no updates.

4.3. FTIP Update

Shea Northfield, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff was meeting with CTCs staff to go over major changes to the draft 2027 FTIP Guidelines. Major changes would also be shared with Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA Liaisons before finalizing and presenting to SCAG's Transportation Committee and Regional Council in September 2025.
- 2025 FTIP Administrative Modification #25-11 was being finalized by SCAG staff.
- 2025 FTIP Amendment #25-12 would be posted for a 10-day public review and comment period. Email notices would be sent to TCWG.
- 2025 FTIP Administrative Modification #25-13 was due to SCAG staff on August 12, 2025.
- County Transportation Commissions prioritization rankings for SCAG's STBG/CMAQ funding cycle were due to SCAG staff on August 1, 2025. Award recommendations would be presented to the SCAG Regional Council by December 2025.

4.4. U.S. EPA Update

Michael Dorantes, U.S. EPA, reported no updates.

4.5. CARB Update

The Chair reported no updates and announced Razi Nadaf, CARB, was available for questions on behalf of Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB.



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4.6. Air Districts Updates

4.6.1. Ventura County APCD Update

No representative was present to provide updates.

4.6.2. South Coast AQMD Update

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

4.6.3. Mojave Desert AQMD Update

Michelle Zumwalt, Mojave Desert AQMD, reported no updates.

4.6.3.1. Status Update on the Mojave Desert AQMD Litigation against U.S. EPA

Michelle Zumwalt, Mojave Desert AQMD, reported the following:

- The Mojave Desert AQMD, through CARB, submitted a commitment letter to U.S. EPA to modify its New Source Review (NSR) rule in order to pause the highway sanction clock, which was set to go into effect July 31, 2025.
- U.S. EPA indicated agreement with the proposed modifications; however, U.S. EPA action was still pending.

Rodney Tavitas, Caltrans HQ, added that the master highway sanction project list was submitted to FHWA and U.S. EPA prior to U.S. EPA action to help mitigate potential project delays under highway sanction if it were to be imposed.

4.6.4. Antelope Valley AQMD Update

Barbara Lods, Antelope Valley AQMD, reported no updates.

4.6.4.1. Status Update on the Antelope Valley AQMD Litigation against U.S. EPA

Barbara Lods, Antelope Valley AQMD, reported the following:

- U.S. EPA published a limited approval/disapproval on Rule 1314, part of the Antelope Valley AQMD's NSR rules and concurrently made an interim final determination to defer the highway sanction clock in April 2025.
- To address the new proposed limited disapproval, Antelope Valley AQMD staff amended and then its Governing Board adopted the NSR rule during their July 15, 2025 meeting.
- The amended rule would be resubmitted to U.S. EPA through CARB for approval by the end of July, with the goal of obtaining full approval of the NSR package and permanent relief from sanctions.

4.6.5. 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 26, 2025 in-person, via Zoom, and by teleconference. PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms were due to Karen Calderon, calderon@scag.ca.gov, by Tuesday, August 12, 2025.