



TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

March 24, 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
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Northfield, Shea
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Via Zoom and Teleconference:

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Chalan, Sudu
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Dorantes, Michael
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Guzman, Jaime
Hendrawan, Kevin
Kang, Peter
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MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Lori Huddleston, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1. February 24, 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 RIV180140:** It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.
- **Attachment 4.1-2 LA0G626:** It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.

For future reference, U.S. EPA staff requested PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms reflect the appropriate federal action and the corresponding NEPA assignment. The PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms for these two projects were corrected to that effect and reposted on SCAG's Project Level Conformity webpage: <https://scag.ca.gov/project-level-conformity>.

4.2. RTP Update

Shea Northfield, SCAG, reported the following:

- Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 development was advancing concurrently with the 2027 FTIP.

4.3. FTIP Update

Shea Northfield, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2025 FTIP Amendment #25-21 was pending state and federal approvals.
- SCAG staff planned to submit 2025 FTIP Administrative Modifications #25-22 and #25-23 in early April 2026.
- SCAG staff was analyzing 2025 FTIP Amendment #25-24.
- SCAG staff had sent out the final round of questions and comments related to the 2027 FTIP and expected to complete the analysis by early April 2026.



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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:

- SCAG staff initiated the regional transportation conformity analyses for the draft 2027 FTIP and draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2.
- The transportation conformity analyses would address the five federally required conformity tests, including consistency with the adopted plan, regional emissions analysis, fiscal constraint, timely implementation of transportation control measures, and interagency consultation and public involvement.
- SCAG staff would continue interagency consultation through TCWG and provide ongoing status updates as the transportation conformity analyses progressed.

4.5. U.S. EPA Update

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

- On March 23, 2026, U.S. EPA proposed approval of revised Antelope Valley AQMD Rule 1314 and withdrawal of the prior proposed limited approval and limited disapproval, initiating a 30-day public comment period ending April 22, 2026.
- U.S. EPA issued final conditional approval of several Mojave Desert AQMD new source review rules, continuing the stay of offset sanctions and deferral of highway sanction.
- These U.S. EPA actions ensure no new highway sanctions clocks will be triggered.
- U.S. EPA continued to coordinate with CARB on the new EMFAC2021 adjustment factors in response to the final partial approval and partial disapproval of California's heavy-duty vehicle inspection and maintenance (HD I/M) regulation and anticipated a CARB submittal in the coming weeks.

4.6. CARB Update

Kevin Hendrawan, CARB, reported the following on behalf of Nesamani Kalandiyur:

- CARB staff was continuing development of the said HD I/M EMFAC2021 adjustment factors and planned to submit them to U.S. EPA for approval in early April 2026.
- Once approved by U.S. EPA, MPOs would be required to use the said adjustment factors to conduct regional emissions analyses for transportation conformity determinations.

4.7. Air Districts Updates

4.7.1. Ventura County APCD Update

No representative was present to provide updates.



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4.7.2. South Coast AQMD Update

Ryan Banuelos, SCAG, reported the following on behalf of South Coast AQMD:

- South Coast AQMD was developing redesignation requests and maintenance plans for the 1997 annual and 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS and the second maintenance plan for the 1987 PM₁₀ NAAQS, including motor vehicle emissions budgets for 2033 and 2039 that are developed by CARB in coordination with SCAG and required for inclusions in the maintenance plans.

4.7.3. Mojave Desert AQMD Update

Bertrand Gaschot, Mojave Desert AQMD, reported the following:

- Mojave Desert AQMD Governing Board adopted amended language to Rule 1304. The amended rule would be submitted to CARB for transmittal to U.S. EPA, which was a significant first step toward complying with EPA's final conditional approval based on the air district's commitment letter.

4.7.4. Antelope Valley AQMD Update

No representative was present to provide updates.

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, April 28, 2026, in-person, via Zoom, and by teleconference. PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms were due to Karen Calderon, via email at calderon@scag.ca.gov, by Tuesday, April 14, 2026.