



# TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

## Meeting Minutes

May 26, 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:**

*Barajas, Agustin  
Banuelos, Ryan  
Calderon, Karen  
Gutierrez, Pablo  
Sangkapichai, Mana  
Sun, Lijin*

**Via Zoom and Teleconference:**

*Acebo, Mervin  
Anderson, Kelsie  
Bade, Rabindra  
Caraig, Ricardo  
Chaves, Ernesto  
Cooper, Keith  
Dorantes, Michael  
Galbreath, Holly  
Gaschot, Bertrand  
Huddleston, Lori  
Kalandiyur, Nesamani  
Khanna, Meghna  
Lay, Keith  
Litschi, Michael  
Lods, Barbara  
Marroquin, Nancy  
Morris, Michael  
Nguyen, Kaylee  
Ruiz, Elise  
Sutherland, Anders  
Tavitas, Rodney  
Wong, Alison  
Yoon, Andrew*

*FTA Region 9  
Transportation Corridor Agencies  
Caltrans District 12  
Caltrans District 12  
LA Metro  
ERP  
EPA Region 9  
Ventura County APCD  
Mojave Desert AQMD  
LA Metro  
CARB  
LA Metro  
ICF  
Metrolink  
Antelope Valley AQMD  
LA Metro  
FHWA  
Caltrans District 8  
EPA Region 9  
Terry A. Hayes Associates  
Caltrans Headquarters  
Caltrans District 7  
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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

None.

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1. April 28, 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: LA0G1451:** It was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.
- **Attachment 4.1-2: LA9919547:** It was determined that this project is exempt under 40 CFR Section 93.126.
- **Attachment 4.1-3: LA9919554:** It was determined that this project is exempt under 40 CFR Section 93.126.
- **Attachment 4.1-4: LA9919556:** It was determined that this project is exempt under 40 CFR Section 93.126.
- **Attachment 4.1-5: LA25NOM129:** It was determined that this project is exempt under 40 CFR Section 93.126. A typographic error in the FTIP ID number for this project was identified after the May TCWG meeting; however, it did not change the project design or scope. With approval from the TCWG concurring agencies, the error was corrected. The revised PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Form with the correct project FTIP ID number can be found at SCAG's project level conformity webpage at: [https://scag.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2026-05/tcwg052626-4-1-5-LA25NOM129\\_corrected.pdf](https://scag.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2026-05/tcwg052626-4-1-5-LA25NOM129_corrected.pdf)

#### 4.2. RTP Update

Agustin Barajas, SCAG, reported the following:

- Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 would be released for a 30-day public comment period concurrently with the Draft 2027 FTIP in July 2026, pending SCAG Regional Council's authorization on July 2, 2026 (see Item 4.3).

#### 4.3. FTIP Update

Agustin Barajas, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2025 FTIP Amendment #25-24 was under federal review.
- 2025 FTIP Administrative Modification #25-25 was being prepared for SCAG approval.
- 2025 FTIP Administrative Modification #25-26 was under SCAG staff review, with anticipated submission by June 6, 2026.



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- 2025 FTIP Amendment #25-27 was finalized for release on May 29, 2026 for a 10-day public review period closing on June 8, 2026, with federal approval anticipated by June 12, 2026.
  - The draft 2027 FTIP and draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 were being finalized and were expected to be released for a 30-day public comment period following SCAG Regional Council authorization in July 2026.
- 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 continued development of the regional transportation conformity analyses for the draft 2027 FTIP and draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2.
  - SCAG staff would incorporate the recently U.S. EPA-approved Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance (HD I/M) adjustment factors (see Item 4.5) into the draft regional emissions analysis for transportation conformity purposes.
  - SCAG staff would provide additional updates at future TCWG meetings.
- 4.5. U.S. EPA Update  
Michael Dorantes, U.S. EPA, reported the following:
- On May 6, 2026, U.S. EPA issued an approval letter for the EMFAC2021 HD I/M off-model adjustment factors to be used to conduct regional emissions analyses for transportation conformity determinations.
  - Additional information regarding their application and background can be found in the approval letter here: [https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2026-05/hd\\_im\\_off-model\\_adjustment\\_factors\\_approval\\_letter.pdf](https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2026-05/hd_im_off-model_adjustment_factors_approval_letter.pdf)
- 4.6. CARB Update  
Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, reported the following:
- CARB Board was scheduled to consider adoption of the 2015 8-hour ozone (70 ppb) SIP for the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley on May 28, 2026, following prior interagency consultation at the April TCWG meeting.
  - Upon CARB Board adoption, the SIP, including the motor vehicle emissions budgets for the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley, would be submitted to U.S. EPA for approval.
  - CARB anticipated to submit the EMFAC2025 to U.S. EPA for approval in summer 2026.
- 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  
SCAG staff reported the following on behalf of South Coast AQMD:
- South Coast AQMD released a staff report proposing a redesignation request of the South Coast Air Basin to attainment and maintenance plans for the 1997 annual and 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> federal



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standard, with inclusion of motor vehicle emissions budgets through 2039.

- Public comments were requested by June 16, 2026.

Lijin Sun, SCAG staff, reported that SCAG had tested and could meet the draft motor vehicle emissions budgets as presented, with a small margin for ROG and NOx emissions.

#### 4.7.3. Mojave Desert AQMD Update

SCAG staff reported the following on behalf of Mojave Desert AQMD:

- Rule 1304 was submitted to CARB on April 29, 2026, with a request for expedited submittal to U.S. EPA, which was a significant step toward complying with EPA's final conditional approval based on the air district's commitment letter.

#### 4.7.4. Antelope Valley AQMD Update

Barbara Lods, Antelope Valley AQMD, reported no 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, June 23, 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](mailto:calderon@scag.ca.gov), by Tuesday, June 9, 2026.