

San Diego Association of Governments
SAN DIEGO REGION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

December 6, 2017

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **2**

Action Requested: INFORMATION

DECEMBER 6, 2017, MEETING MINUTES

File Number 3100600

The meeting of the San Diego Region Conformity Working Group (CWG) was called to order by Rachel Kennedy, Senior Regional Planner, at 10:33 a.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions were made. See the attached attendance list.

2. MEETING MINUTES (INFORMATION)

Ms. Kennedy asked the CWG to review the minutes from its September 6, 2017, meeting. No comments or corrections were made.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

No public comments were made.

REPORTS

4. DEVELOPMENT OF SAN DIEGO FORWARD: THE 2019 REGIONAL PLAN (INFORMATION)

Phil Trom, SANDAG, provided an overview of the tasks and schedule for the development of the San Diego Forward: The 2019 Regional Plan (2019 Regional Plan) process. Mr. Trom discussed the vision, goals, and policy objectives of the 2019 Regional Plan, noting board-directed amendments including adding the "facilitation of the efficient movement of people and goods" to the vision statement. Mr. Trom also spoke about the unconstrained transportation network and the approach to developing the revenue constrained transportation network scenarios. The CWG did not have any questions for Mr. Trom.

5. 2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE (DISCUSSION)

Sue Alpert, Associate Project Control Analyst, provided an overview of the draft schedule of the 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), noting that staff will be consulting with the CWG on air quality conformity criteria and procedures in March 2018. The 2018 RTIP is scheduled to kick-off in January 2018 and conclude in December 2018. The final schedule will be available in January 2018.

Ilene Gallo, Caltrans, inquired about when projects need to be submitted for inclusion in the 2018 RTIP. Ms. Alpert informed the CWG that March 16, 2018, is the deadline for project submissions.

Michael Morris, Federal Highway Administration, asked if the 2018 RTIP would include SANDAG's performance measures and if so, how those measures would be included in the schedule.

Elisa Arias, Principal Regional Planner, noted that SANDAG will review newer performance measures requirements and will provide additional information to the CWG at a future meeting. Ms. Arias noted that the SANDAG Board of Directors is anticipated to establish SANDAG's targets for the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act safety performance measures in January 2018.

6. 2008 OZONE STANDARD MOTOR VEHICLE BUDGETS (DISCUSSION)

John Kelly, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), provided an update on this item and noted that the ozone budgets became effective on December 4, 2017. Ms. Gallo inquired if the budgets indicate that San Diego is meeting its conformity issues related to the 2008 ozone standards. Mr. Kelly stated that budgets are a tool for transportation districts to develop Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) and air quality plans. Ms. Kennedy added that the budgets will be used to develop the 2018 TIP and its analysis.

7. SAN DIEGO REGION 2008 OZONE STANDARD CLASSIFICATION (DISCUSSION)

Preliminary 2017 ozone data indicates that Southern California had a higher number of exceedances for the eight-hour ozone standard. Nick Cormier, San Diego Air Pollution Control District, noted that a November Los Angeles Times article that highlighted the higher number of exceedances. Mr. Cormier noted that additional analysis is needed to determine the cause, but stated that warmer temperatures and Santa Ana conditions likely caused a higher number of bad ozone days. Mr. Cormier discussed the implications of the higher number of exceedances on regional planning, suggesting a potential future change in attainment classification to serious or severe for the San Diego region.

8. EMISSION FACTORS MODEL 2017 DEVELOPMENT

Nesamani Kanaldiyur, Air Resources Board, discussed the timeline for the development of the 2017 Emission Factor Model (EMFAC2017), including the model's public release, workshops, submission to the EPA, and six-month review by the EPA. Mr. Morris inquired about the impetus for having an updated 2017 model. Mr. Kanaldiyur stated that the ARB updates the model every few years to assure that the planning assumptions are no more than five years old as per U.S. EPA requirements.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Ms. Kennedy announced that the next meeting will be held on January 3, 2017 and that the CWG can expect to have more frequent meetings in 2018, occurring on the first Wednesday of the month.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed during the meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Kennedy adjourned the CWG meeting at 11:03 a.m.

**SAN DIEGO REGION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP
MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2017**

Name	Agency
Nesamani Kanaldiyur (phone)	Air Resources Board
Scott King (phone)	Air Resources Board
Stephanie Parent (phone)	Air Resources Board
Shalanda Christian (phone)	Caltrans
Lucas Sanchez (phone)	Caltrans
Rodney Tavitias (phone)	Caltrans
Ilene Gallo (phone)	Caltrans Dist. 11
Ken Johanssen (phone)	Caltrans Dist. 11
Melina Pereira	Caltrans Dist. 11
John Kelly (phone)	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Nick Cormier (phone)	San Diego Air Pollution Control District
Michael Morris (phone)	Federal Highway Administration
Sue Alpert	SANDAG
Elisa Arias	SANDAG
Rachel Kennedy	SANDAG
Zachary Rivera	SANDAG
Scott Strelecki	SANDAG
Phil Trom	SANDAG