



San Diego Region Conformity Working Group

Item: **2**

August 7, 2019

Action: **Information**

June 5, 2019, Meeting Minutes

Rachel Kennedy, Senior Regional Planner, called the meeting of the San Diego Region Conformity Working Group (CWG) to order at 10:31 a.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Self-introductions were made. An attendance list is included.

2. Meeting Minutes (Information)

Ms. Kennedy asked the CWG to review the minutes from its April 3, 2019, meeting. No comments or corrections were made.

3. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments

No public comments were made.

Reports

4. San Diego Forward: The 2020 Federal Regional Transportation Plan (Discussion)

Ms. Kennedy provided an overview of plan development to date and an update on upcoming milestones. At its April meeting the CWG reviewed conformity criteria for the 2020 Federal Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Modeling for the Federal RTP began in May. Staff will bring the proposed draft network to the Board of Directors on July 26, 2019, and performance measure and Title VI analysis results. Public outreach is scheduled for the July/August timeframe. A preferred draft network is expected to be selected by the Board of Directors in October 2019. Emission analysis of the draft Federal RTP is anticipated to be reviewed at the CWG's January 2020 meeting.

Susan Huntington, Principal Program Manager, provided an update to the revenue constrained financial assumptions. This information was originally presented to the CWG at its April 3, 2019, meeting. The Public Private Partnership/Transit Oriented Development fund source category was refined in the updated reasonably expected revenue sources.

5. San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan (Discussion)

Antoinette Meier, Principal Regional Planner, provided an overview of efforts underway for the 2021 Regional Plan, also known as the Vision Plan. Drivers of this plan development are state regulations on Greenhouse Gas reduction, changes in travel behaviors, and rapidly changing technologies. Five strategies, known as the 5 Big Moves support the development of this plan: Complete Corridors, Transit Leap, Mobility Hubs, Flexible Fleets, and Next OS. More information is on the Regional Plan website (sdforward.com).

Ms. Kennedy and staff reviewed the conformity criteria and procedures that will be used for the 2021 Regional Plan.

- A. Revenue Constrained Financial Assumptions: Ms. Huntington reviewed the potential revenue sources that are being considered in addition to the sources included in the 2020 Federal RTP revenue assumptions.

- B. 2050 Regional Growth Forecast: Rachel Cortes, Senior Researcher and Modeler, reviewed the Series 14 Regional Growth Forecast which includes population, jobs, and housing from the 2016 base year to 2050. The Regional Growth Forecast is based largely upon the adopted general plans and community plans, and policies of the 18 cities and the County of San Diego.
- C. Travel Demand Model: Ms. Kennedy provided a summary of the Activity Based Model (ABM 2) that will be used for modeling performance of the plan network.
- D. Latest Emission Model, Emissions Budget: Ms. Kennedy described the State Implementation Plan effort for the 2008 and 2015 eight-hour ozone standards that will further inform the analysis and budget years for this plan.
- E. Transportation Control Measures (TCM): Ms. Kennedy described the four federally approved TCMs for the San Diego region. If new TCMs are induced in the upcoming State Implementation Plan (SIP) document these will be included in the 2021 Regional Plan development.
- F. Public Involvement and Outreach: Ms. Kennedy highlighted the public involvement reviewed in Ms. Meier's presentation. The Public Involvement Plan for the 2021 Regional Plan is included in the agenda packet.

6. 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 98 (Discussion)

Ms. Kennedy and Sue Alpert, Senior Project Control Analyst, provided an overview of this amendment. On December 2, 2019, SANDAG will enter into a 12-month conformity grace period which limits the type of Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) amendments SANDAG can process until the 2020 Federal RTP is federally approved. This amendment is processing scope and schedule changes to capacity increasing project that are needed in the region prior to entering the conformity grace period.

- A. 2018 RTIP Amendment No. 18-98 Project List: On May 29, 2019, the project list was distributed to the CWG for interagency consultation. Any comments on the project list are requested by June 12, 2019. SD102A was added to the list after the initial distribution to the CWG. The regional emissions analysis project is anticipated to be distributed to the CWG on July 19, 2019, for a 30-day review period and will be discussed at the August CWG meeting.
- B. Revenue-Constrained Financial Assumptions: These assumptions have not changed substantially from the development of the 2018 RTIP.
- C. 2050 Regional Growth Forecast: this amendment will use the same Regional Growth Forecast (Series 13) that was used for the development of the 2018 RTIP. The Series 13 Regional Growth Forecast was approved by the Board of Directors in October 2015.
- D. Travel Demand Mode: the Activity Based Model (ABM 1) will be used for this amendment. This is the same model that was used for the development of the 2018 RTIP and 2015 Regional Plan.
- E. Latest Emission Model, Emissions Budget: analysis will be run with both EMFAC2014 and EMFAC2017. The final amendment will use the results from the version of EMFAC that is approved for use in conformity determinations at the time of Board of Directors action. Weekday summer season ROG and NOx emissions will be projected for 2020, 2023, 2030, 2040, and 2050 and will use the emissions budgets from the *2008 Eight-Hour Ozone Attainment Plan for San Diego County*, which were found adequate for transportation conformity purposes by the U.S. EPA effective December 4, 2017.
- F. Transportation Control Measures: the four federally-approved TCMs for San Diego County are ride sharing, transit improvements, traffic flow improvements, and bicycle facilities and programs. These TCMs have been fully implemented and continued to be funded. The level of implementation established in the SIP has been surpassed.

- G. Public Involvement and Outreach: Board Policy No. 025 guides public involvement for RTIP amendments. The amendment will be posted on sandag.org and a link will be posted on Caltrans website.

7. 2015 Ozone Standard Conformity Demonstration (Information)

Ms. Kennedy noted that the Board of Directors adopted the 2015 Ozone Standard Conformity Demonstration at its May 24, 2019, meeting. Documentation is currently being reviewed by the U.S. Department of Transportation and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

8. Ozone State Implementation Plan Development Schedule (Information)

Nick Cormier, San Diego Air Pollution Control District (APCD), provided an update on the SIP development. APCD is working with California Air Resources Board on emission inventories to develop draft emission budgets. There is a public workshop on the SIP development tentatively scheduled for December 18, 2019.

9. EMFAC2017 Update (Information)

No updates at this time.

10. Upcoming Meetings (Information)

The next CWG meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 3, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.

11. Adjournment

Ms. Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG San Diego Region Conformity Meeting

June 5, 2019

| Jurisdiction | Name | Attended | Comments |
|---|---------------------|----------|----------|
| Air Resources Board | Nesamani Kanaldiyur | Yes | |
| | Stephanie Parent | Yes | |
| Caltrans | Brenda Hernandez | Yes | |
| | Lucas Sanchez | Yes | |
| Caltrans District 11 | | | |
| Federal Highways Administration | Joseph Vaughn | Yes | |
| U.S. EPA | John Kelly | Yes | |
| San Diego County Air Pollution Control District | Nick Cormier | Yes | |
| SANDAG Staff | | | |
| | Sue Alpert | Yes | |
| | Elisa Arias | Yes | |
| | Rachel Cortes | Yes | |
| | Susan Huntington | Yes | |
| | Rachel Kennedy | Yes | |
| | Richard Radcliff | Yes | |
| | Sam Sanford | Yes | |