

San Diego Association of Governments
SAN DIEGO REGION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

March 7, 2018

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **2**

Action Requested: INFORMATION

FEBRUARY 7, 2018, 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 10:34 a.m.

1. WELCOME AND 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 December 6, 2017, meeting. No comments or corrections were made.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

REPORTS

4. SAN DIEGO FORWARD: THE 2019-2050 REGIONAL PLAN – DRAFT REVENUE FORECAST (DISCUSSION)

Phil Trom, Senior Transportation Planner, and Susan Huntington, *TransNet* Project Office Program Manager, provided an overview of reasonably expected fund sources for San Diego Forward: The 2019-2050 Regional Plan (2019 Regional Plan). Multiple revenue scenarios will be developed and presented to the SANDAG Transportation Committee, the Regional Planning Committee, and the Board of Directors in February and March.

Michael Morris, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), asked about the anticipated timeframe for a completed revenue forecast. José Nuncio, *TransNet* Department Director, responded that a final version is expected in March or April.

Nick Cormier, San Diego Air Pollution Control District, inquired about the process of addressing potential changes to Senate Bill 1 (Beall, 2017) (SB 1) as well as its possible repeal. Mr. Nuncio described the assumptions for state revenues. It is anticipated that other state revenue would come online in the 2020s if SB 1 were repealed.

Elisa Arias, Principal Regional Planner, noted that updates on revenue forecasts will be provided to the CWG after the Board's action in the spring.

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

Sue Alpert, Associate Project Control Analyst, provided an overview of the 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) development schedule. January 19, 2018, kicked off the RTIP development with a memo to all jurisdictions. All projects are due in ProjectTrak by March 16, 2018. At its April meeting, the CWG will review the 2018 Draft Project List.

Mr. Morris commented that once adopted, the air quality conformity determination should be sent directly to the FHWA and the Federal Transit Administration.

Ms. Kennedy added that at the next CWG meeting, there will be information on interagency consultation and conformity analysis.

6. EMISSIONS FACTOR MODEL 2017 DEVELOPMENT (INFORMATION)

Nesamani Kalandiyur, California Air Resources Board (ARB), provided an updated on the Emissions Factor Model 2017 (EMFAC2017), which currently is in the public comment phase. ARB is working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as they prepare to submit the model and technical documentation to the EPA in March.

Ms. Kennedy asked about the anticipated timeframe for U.S. EPA approval of EMFAC2017 for use in conformity determinations. Ms. Kalandiyur replied that in the past, approvals have taken six to nine months. There also is a grace period that could range from six months to two years.

7. 2015 NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS FOR OZONE (INFORMATION)

Ms. Kennedy presented on the January 5, 2018, EPA notice for public comment on 2015 ozone standards.

8. CLARIFICATIONS ON EXEMPT PROJECT DETERMINATIONS (DISCUSSION)

Ms. Kennedy presented information on exempt project descriptions recently shared by Caltrans. The U.S. EPA and the FHWA developed clarifying language for road diets, auxiliary lanes, and ramp metering.

Mr. Morris added that this is a model that may be replicated in other areas to help streamline and clarify exempt project determinations.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS (INFORMATION)

The next CWG meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2018, at 10:30 a.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

**SAN DIEGO REGION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP
MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2018**

Name	Agency
Shannon Hatcher (phone)	Air Resources Board
Nesamani Kalandiyur (phone)	Air Resources Board
Stephanie Parent (phone)	Air Resources Board
Shalanda Christian (phone)	Caltrans
Lucas Sanchez (phone)	Caltrans
Ilene Gallo (phone)	Caltrans District 11
Ken Johanssen (phone)	Caltrans District 11
Melina Pereira (phone)	Caltrans District 11
John Kelly (phone)	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Scott Carson (phone)	Federal Highway Administration
Michael Morris (phone)	Federal Highway Administration
Nick Cormier (phone)	San Diego Air Pollution Control District
Sue Alpert	SANDAG
Elisa Arias	SANDAG
Laurie Gartrell	SANDAG
Susan Huntington	SANDAG
Rachel Kennedy	SANDAG
José Nuncio	SANDAG
Sam Sanford	SANDAG
Michelle Smith	SANDAG
Scott Strelecki	SANDAG
Phil Trom	SANDAG
Ariana zur Nieden	SANDAG