

SACOG Project Level Conformity Group Meeting

September 12, 2024

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

Jackie Kahrs with SACOG started the meeting and thanked everyone for joining.

Introductions:

- Jackie Kahrs – SACOG
- Miguel Mendoza – SACOG
- Jasmine Amanin – FHWA
- Andrew Ledezma – EPA
- Michelle Ruan – FTA
- Mervin Acebo - FTA
- Rodney Tavitias – Caltrans HQ
- Erika Espinosa Araiza – Caltrans HQ
- Hannah Walter – Caltrans HQ
- Erika Vaca – Caltrans HQ
- Christopher Dennis – Caltrans
- Aaron Bali – Caltrans
- Nesamani Kalandiyur - CARB
- Rick Carter – PCTPA
- Jerry Barton – EDCTC
- Zach Liptak – Dokken Engineering
- Dustin Harrington – El Dorado County

2. Consultation for Project of Air Quality Concern (POAQC) Determinations

a. U.S. 50/El Dorado Hills Boulevard-Latrobe Road Interchange Phase 2B Project (ELD19345)

Zach Liptak, Dokken Engineering gave a presentation on the project (included in the meeting packet).

- This is the fourth and final phase of the project.
- The other phases have already been determined to be projects not of air quality concern.
- Off ramp realignment and widening. Constructs pedestrian and sidewalk improvements.
- The interchange will largely operate the same as it does today.
- Traffic data, including truck percentages remain the same under the build and no build conditions.
- Build and no build are the only alternatives explored in the project

Discussion:

- Rodney – Asked if the County will work with Caltrans D3 to submit the project level conformity checklist package to Caltrans HQ?
- Zach –Yes.
- Rodney - Make sure that all items are consistent, especially the public notice across all documents.

- Andrew - Is there a reason why there was no change in ADT from build and no build scenarios despite the addition of the lane in the overpass as well as the HOV addition?
- Zach - Project is essentially a gap closure to meet the existing number of lanes already constructed. There would be no bottleneck, but no volumes should change in the project area. Similarly, the bypass lane would be an HOV bypass lane, and the expectation would not increase volumes.
- Andrew - For the overpass lane. What is a gap closure?
- Zach - Lanes currently would be 3-2-3 but with the gap closure the lanes will be 3-3-3. The dropped lane was a forced lane to the freeway previously.
- Andrew - What is under the overpass?
- Zach - Pedestrian and bike lanes already exist but will be reconstructed and improved.
- Andrew - How about the offramp?
 - Zach - The ramp will be widened out from 1 to 2 lanes.
- Andrew - Will that induce traffic?
 - Zach - It will not

Determination:

- Andrew, EPA – Not a project of air quality concern.
- Jasmine, FHWA – Concur that this is not a project of air quality concern.

3. Next Steps

SACOG will send an email to the project level conformity group to document determinations made during the meeting.