

SACOG Project Level Conformity Group Meeting

January 8, 2025

10:30 am – 12:00 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
- Shengyi Gao - SACOG
- Jasmine Amanin – FHWA
- Michelle Ruan – FTA
- Rodney Tavitas – Caltrans HQ
- Erika Espinosa Araiza – Caltrans HQ
- Erika Vaca – Caltrans HQ
- Karishma Becha – Caltrans HQ
- Peter Kang – Caltrans HQ
- Edgar Medina - City of Rancho Cordova
- Eden Winniford – Yolo Solano AQMD
- Ben Beattie – Yolo Solano AQMD
- Junior Magana – Caltrans D3
- Randeep Lally – Caltrans D3
- Ryan Pommerenck – Caltrans D3
- Youngil Cho, Caltrans D3
- Christopher Dennis – Caltrans D3
- Aaron Bali – Caltrans D3
- Jerry Barton – EDCTC

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

a. White Rock Rd - .5 East of Rancho Cordova Parkway to Rio Del Oro Parkway (SAC25272)

- Edgar Medina with the City of Rancho Cordova gave a presentation on the project (included in the meeting packet).
- Widening of a two-lane arterial to four lanes with shoulders
- Priority project for the city – provides congestion relief to Highway 50
- Adds bicycle lane
- Pavement is in failed condition
- No development plans in the north side of the county, currently undeveloped
- 2023 is the opening year since that was when the first phase was opened
- Build out year is 2045
- Requesting a new POAQC determination because need to re-validate NEPA since it's been over three years.
- Wrapping up construction in 2026.
- In 2012, the entire project was determined to not be of air quality concern.
- Discussion (Q - question, A - answer, C - comment)
 - Q: Shengyi- reconfirm the length of the road for Phase 3. The presentation shows 1.2 miles and MTIP shows .5 miles.
 - A: When the project was developed, the environmental document covered the whole corridor, just over 4 miles. Environmental was cleared for the entire 4 miles. The whole project is phased out. The .5 mile east is because the reference point did

not exit yet. Since then, a new road was built they had a reference point. 1.2 miles is the whole project phase, .5 miles east is how much past the old reference point the project was.

- Q: Rodney - is this project coming back for POAQC because the milestones were not met?
- A: The city originally intended to deliver the project as one. However, due to funding constraints the project had to be phased out. Parts of the project are complete, and these phases are now moving ahead.
- Q: Rodney - Does phase 3 have independent utility? Your request is to keep the original conformity? When phasing is mentioned, each section should have independent utility. If we are keeping just the one conformity it would be a different matter.
- A: The ask is for the original conformity and not phased. When phasing is mentioned it is related to CON and funding and not to the environmental.
- C: Rodney - Since EPA is not here we will not give a determination. Maybe we can have a follow up 15-minute meeting with EPA.
- Q: Jasmine - We would not be able to give a determination without EPA as well. We also had questions about independent utility and phasing but that was addressed. We wanted to confirm if there is transit along this route or transit points?
- A: Currently there is no transit. Long term there have been discussion with SacRT about adding another shuttle since there are plans within the Specific Plan to add a high school in the Rio Del Oro area.
- C: Jasmine - Thank you, all of our questions have been addressed. However, we will be unable to make a determination without EPA.
- C: Rodney - When we reach out to EPA, please include the notes and cc Karina.

3. Next Steps

- SACOG will reach out to EPA to determine how to proceed and whether a follow up meeting is needed for a determination.
- The next Project Level Conformity Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12th at 10:30 am.