

## SACOG Project Level Conformity Group Meeting

March 12, 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
- Andrew Ledezma - EPA
- Rodney Tavitas – Caltrans HQ
- Erika Vaca – Caltrans HQ
- Karishma Becha – Caltrans HQ
- Nicole Lewis – Caltrans HQ
- Edgar Medina - City of Rancho Cordova
- Eden Winniford – Yolo Solano AQMD
- Youngil Cho, Caltrans D3
- Aaron Bali – Caltrans D3
- Jerry Barton – EDCTC
- Rick Carter – PCTPA

### 2. Consultation to Determine Project of Air Quality Concern (POAQC) Status

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

- This project was brought to the January and February PLCG meetings, but a determination couldn't be made due to several factors.
- Project previously received a POAQC determination several years ago. The City phased the project, but completed NEPA for all three phases. Caltrans requires the NEPA to be re-validated after three years, which is prompting a new POAQC determination.
- Edgar Medina with the City of Rancho Cordova gave a presentation on the project (included in the meeting packet).
- Discussion (Q - question, A - answer, C - comment)
  - Q: Rodney T. - When you mentioned phasing, you're mostly talking about construction phasing?
  - A: Edgar M - Yes, phasing is strictly construction. The corridor was designed and environmentally cleared as one entire corridor. The City doesn't have enough funding to build it under one complete segment.
  - Q: Andrew – Phase 3 project is widening from one to two lanes and shoulder improvement?
  - A: Edgar – Yes.
  - Q: Andrew – Was there any sort of re-calculation of freight movement at those peak periods of major congestion?
  - A: Edgar – We did not as part of this effort. But we certainly can.
  - Q: Andrew - Are the highlighted sections on the corridor all residential?

- A: Edgar M - Developments have either finished the entitlement or are in the process of entitlement. The green highlighted section has finished entitlements for residential, about 10,000 homes.
- EPA determined the White Rock Road project is not a project of air quality concern. FHWA concurred.

### 3. Review of regional Conformity Exemption Status

- Q: Rodney - For project REG18084. Should the exemption be 40 CFR 126 rather than 127 for the transit project.
- A: Jackie - Yes, thank you. We will correct it.
- Q: Jasmine - Project 9 - VAR56306 - Is this project a study or is there implementation?
- A: Jackie: Project 9 - VAR56306 - Will confirm and get back to the group on this project.
- C: Jasmine - Since some of the projects are transit, it would be good to have FTA's input.
- A: Jackie - We will follow up with FTA on the transit projects and inform the group with any additional information.
- Q: Andrew: Project 6 - REG18080 - Is there additional infrastructure being built outside of just the chargers? If there are other infrastructure this may need project level conformity decision.
- A: Jackie - Apologies this is not the correct description. We'll send out a revised list. The correct description for this project is: Regional travel instruction programs (for older adults, persons with disabilities, youth, and the general public) who are interested in accessing the region's fixed route, on-demand, light rail, and share mobility services.
- Q: Andrew: Project 7 - REG18085 - this is under the purchase of buses and rail cars but the description is a little unclear. What are the minivans going to be used for and how does it fit into the category of mass transit?
- A: Jackie: Project 7 - REG18085 - We do not have the details on the minivans but we will work with RT to expand on the description.
- A: Jerry: Project 7 - REG18085 - This may be for the dial a ride service, though not entirely sure.

### 4. Next Steps

- SACOG will make the necessary updates to the Regional Conformity Exemption Status List and re-circulate.
- SACOG will follow up with FTA since they were not in attendance.
- SACOG will send the meeting minutes.
- The next Project Level Conformity Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.