

SACOG Project Level Conformity Group Meeting

December 10, 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
- Jasmin Amanin – FHWA
- John Kelly - EPA
- Michelle Ruan – FTA
- Ian Justeson – Caltrans D3
- Randeep Lally – Caltrans D3
- Youngil Cho – Caltrans D3
- Christopher Dennis – Caltrans D3
- Rodney Tavitas – Caltrans HQ
- Sondra Spaethe - Feather River AQMD
- Mike Costa - PCTPA
- Rick Carter - PCTPA
- Shannon Thaggard - EDCTC
- Alex Ponikvar - SMAQMD
- City of Sacramento – Luke
- Tim Chamberlain – Wood Rodgers
- Eralise Spokely - Wood Rodgers
- Luke Fuson – City of Sacramento

2. 2026 Project Level Conformity Group Meeting Schedule

SACOG will keep the 2026 PLCG meeting schedule largely the same as this year's. The meetings will take place the second Wednesday of each month at 10:30 am. There are two exceptions: the February meeting will be held on February 4th and the November meeting will be held on November 18th. Please note the original meeting materials listed a start time of 11:00 am, however, we've revised the schedule for the meetings to continue to start at 10:30 am. Each meeting will only be one hour and Jackie will send out the calendar invites in zoom before the new year.

3. 2025 Blueprint/MTIP Amendment #11 Update

a. Approval of EMFAC2021 Adjustment Factors

EPA approved the EMFAC2021 off-model adjustment factors on November 21st. This provides a technical solution to the statewide conformity lockdown that California was placed in due to the disapproval of Clean Air Act waivers. SACOG will update the regional emissions analysis with the adjustment factors and will re-circulate the updated document for public and interagency review.

b. Air Quality Conformity Assumptions

The assumptions developed for the 2025 Blueprint account for any approved off-model adjustments for EMFAC2021; therefore no changes are needed to the assumptions that received interagency consensus during the December 4, 2024 Regional Planning Partnership (RPP) meeting.

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

a. Marysville Boulevard Vision Zero (SAC25335)

- Tim Chamberlain provided a presentation on the project for the Marysville Boulevard Vision Zero Safety project
- The project is located on Marysville Boulevard and there are two components of the project: a road diet and converting a signalized intersection to a roundabout.
- The roundabout is not yet decided but it is the locally preferred alternative.
- The road diet would not result in greater emissions.
- The recommendation is that it should not be a project of air quality concern.
- There were no questions about the project.
- EPA determined the Marysville Boulevard Vision Zero (SAC25335) is not a project of air quality concern. Caltrans concurred that it is not a project of air quality concern.

5. Review of Regional Conformity Exemption Status

- There were no comments or questions about the project list.

6. Next Steps

- The next Project Level Conformity Group meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14th at 10:30 am.