

San Joaquin Valley Project-Level Conformity Working Group

Project-Level Conformity Determination for Traffic Signal Project at the Intersection of Jensen Avenue and Indianola Avenue, City of Sanger, Fresno County

Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2024, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

The meeting was held via Zoom teleconference.

Attendees

- SJV AQ Coordinator (Trinity Consultants): Alex Marcucci, Suriya Vallamsundar
- City of Sanger Consultant (Yamabe & Horn Engineering, Inc): Josh Rogers, Aaron Martinez
- FCOG: Matthew Shimizu, Kai Han
- Caltrans HQ: Rodney Tavitas, Erika Espinosa Araiza, Karishma Becha
- EPA: Lindsay Wickersham, Karina O'Connor
- FTA: Celine Chen
- Others: Nick St Cook

Meeting Summary

1. Introductions

Commencing the meeting, AQ Coordinator provided opening remarks and conducted a roll call to establish the attendance of all participants.

2. Review of Non-Exempt Projects for the Project-level Particulate Matter (PM) Conformity

- Introductions and Project Overview: AQ Coordinator introduced the project in Fresno County that requires a conformity determination - *Traffic Signal at Jensen Avenue and Indianola Avenue in the City of Sanger*. This project is being funded through the CMAQ program.
- Project Presentation: Josh Rogers, representing the City of Sanger, presented the project details and the reasoning behind the proposed project-level conformity determination. Since this is an intersection signalization project that improves the level of service of the intersection and no traffic increase is expected, the City of Sanger concluded that this project is not a POAQC.
- Public Comment Period: FCOG informed the group that all project-level materials were available for public review on the COG website from May 14 - May 20, 2024. No comments were received during the designated public comment period. No comments were received from IAC partners during the draft conformity review.

3. Discussion

EPA asked to provide the rationale behind analysis year selection for traffic analysis. Project sponsor replied that future traffic estimates were provided consistent with the design year in the City of Sanger General Plan. To ensure consistency in future project analyses, EPA noted that project sponsors should utilize an analysis year consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) horizon year. Caltrans emphasized adhering to the requirements outlined in 40 CFR 93.116 when selecting an analysis year.

4. Determination

EPA and Caltrans concurred that the project is not a POAQC.

5. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

AQ Coordinator informed the group that the final hot spot materials and meeting minutes will be posted to the FCOG website. FCOG will then send a final email to IAC documenting the concurrences received. The next project-level conformity meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2024.