



Tier II Consultation Meeting

Minutes - March 13, 2012

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAF)
Lake County Conference Room

Participants:

Reggie Arkell	FTA
Patricia Berry	CMAF
Claire Bozic	CMAF
Kama Dobbs	CMAF
Bruce Carmitchel	IDOT – Office of Planning & Programming
Ron Deverman	HNTB
John Donovan	FHWA
Matt Fuller	FHWA – via phone
Kimberly Glinkin	Jacobs Engineering – via phone
Rebecca King	CH2MHill – via phone
Don Kopec	CMAF
Michael Leslie	USEPA - via phone
Larry Martin	CH2MHill
Ross Patronskey	CMAF
Mark Pitstick	RTA
Mike Rogers	IEPA
Walt Zyzniewski	IDOT – Bureau of Design & Environment - via phone

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions 2:30 p.m.

All participants introduced themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

None.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2012

The minutes of February 9, 2012 were approved as presented.

4.0 SIP Update

Mr. Rogers stated that the Illinois EPA submitted the Chicago 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan and Annual PM_{2.5} Maintenance Plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on

September 18, 2011. Mr. Leslie reported that US EPA has not yet approved the PM_{2.5} budget due to interstate transport issues

5.0 TIP Conformity Amendment

Ms. Berry reported that the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee approved the semi-annual conformity amendment. No comments were received on the amendment.

6.0 MOVES Deadline Extended

Mr. Patronsky reported that the U.S. EPA has issued a Final Rule to extend the MOVES regional conformity grace period to March 2, 2013. Mr. Leslie noted that there may be simultaneous use of MOVES for Ozone and MOBILE for PM_{2.5} due to the PM_{2.5} SIP budget not yet being approved. This Rule does not affect EPA's previous approval of the use of MOVES in official SIP submissions or the existing grace period before MOVES is required for carbon monoxide and particulate matter hot-spot analyses for project-level conformity determinations.

7.0 CREATE Passenger Rail Projects of Air Quality Concern

Mr. Zyzniewski reported that revised MOVES input parameters for determining if CREATE Passenger Rail projects are Projects of Air Quality Concern were prepared based on the February 9, 2012 Consultation discussion. Mr. Patronsky stated that further discussion on source type population and growth factors for vehicle type VMT was needed. The team agreed that CMAP, US EPA, IEPA, IDOT and their project team should discuss this issue separately. The team discussed the merits of using MOBILE6 for the draft EIS and updating to MOVES for the final EIS. Mr. Fuller suggested that hot-spot analysis be removed from the DEIS entirely and included in the final EIS. The team did not make a recommendation.

8.0 Elgin O'Hare PM_{2.5} Hot-Spot Analysis

Mr. Martin and Ms. King presented an overview of the PM_{2.5} Hot-Spot Analysis conducted and requested concurrence on the methodology and results included in the Draft EIS. IDOT will present results of the PM_{2.5} Hot Spot Analysis completed for the Draft EIS. The team concurred.

9.0 I-80 Interchange Reconstruction at US 30

Ms. Berry reported that IDOT has submitted a TIGER application for the reconstruction of this interchange to accommodate completed and planned additional lanes on I-80, with no changes to the interchange movements. Ms. Berry noted that staff determined that this project would not require an amendment to GO TO 2040 or a conformity analysis until the mainline widening of I-80 was programmed in the TIP. The team agreed.

10.0 Major Capital Project Updates

Ms. Bozic reviewed the status of Major Capital Projects.

11.0 Other Business

None.

12.0 Public Comment

None.

13.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is on call.

14.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Tier II Consultation Team Members:

	CMAP		FHWA		FTA		IDOT
	IEPA		RTA		USEPA		