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# **Tier 2 Consultation Meeting Minutes**

August 19, 2010

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Lake County Conference Room

Participants:	Patricia Berry	CMAP
	John Donovan	FHWA
	Michael Leslie	USEPA
	Matt Maloney	CMAP
	Holly Ostdick	CMAP
	Ross Patronsky	CMAP
	Mike Rogers	IEPA
	Keith Sherman	IDOT
	Kermit Wies	CMAP

#### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

11:30 a.m.

## 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

## 3.0 Approval of Minutes – June 25, 2010

Mr. Rogers made a motion to approve the draft minutes from the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, Mr. Leslie seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Minutes were approved.

#### 4.0 GO TO 2040 and FFY 2010-2015 TIP Public Comment

Public comment for *GO TO 2040* and the FFY 2010-2015 TIP has ended. Over 1,000 comments were received and staff is currently analyzing the comments. It was stated, no comments were received on the TIP and two comments were received on the conformity analysis and were being analyzed. Mr. Rogers stated that the two comments regarding conformity were from him. His first comment was that IEPA was omitted from the list of Tier II consultation team members. Mr. Patronsky indicated that this had been corrected.

Mr. Rogers also suggested that the proposed fine particulate motor vehicle emissions budgets that were just out for public comment as part of IEPA's redesignation request could, for the sake of completeness, be included in the Plan and TIP conformity analysis document. The consultation group agreed that since the standards are not official they should not be included, although it could be mentioned that new standards are expected and that the region anticipates that they can be met. Staff stated that the 2016 and 2040 estimates from NIRPC for PM<sub>2.5</sub> are below the baseline standard and CMAP is re-running the model to clarify some projects that were only included as place holders. The Jeffrey

Ave Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and East West Transit way projects' network coding are being updated within the model, since the applications were approved.

## 5.0 Chicago PM<sub>2.5</sub> Maintenance Plan Public Hearing/Comments

Mr. Rogers stated the IEPA held a public hearing on July 14, 2010 to take comments on the proposed Maintenance Plan and associated draft motor vehicle emissions budgets related to the 1997 annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). He stated two people attended and there were a couple comments, however only one requires a response. He stated if the IEPA does not receive any further comments it is likely they will submit the plan to USEPA by the end of August.

#### 6.0 Tier II Consultation materials on website.

Staff stated that a Tier II Consultation website was created. All future information will be posted on that website.

## 7.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

## 8.0 Other Business

Mr. Leslie stated that on August 13, 2010 USEPA released a set of amendments to the conformity regulations that gives USEPA more flexibility with new standards. The amendments give more definition of baseline years. Before, USEPA would have to amend the conformity rule when a baseline year changed as a result of updated NAAQS. With the amendments released earlier this month that will not be necessary. The amendment also states that if a region has a clean data finding as of a certain year for a certain pollutant it can use that year as a budget year. Additionally if the conformity analysis occurs after the attainment year, the region can use a new analysis year within five years of the current year. Mr. Donovan asked about the status of new ozone standards. Mr. Leslie stated the announcement is delayed; the implementation rule package has not been sent to the Office of Management and Budget. US EPA wants both the NAAQS and the implementation rule to be issued at the same time.

#### 9.0 Public Comment

#### 10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is on call.

## 11.0 Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

## **Tier II Consultation Team Members:**

CMAP	FHWA	FTA	IDOT
IEPA	RTA	USEPA	