



Tier 2 Consultation Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2009

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Lake County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

Participants:	Patricia Berry	CMAP
	Bob Dean	CMAP
	Stephanie Dock	CMAP
	Michael Leslie	USEPA
	Mark Pitstick	RTA
	Ron Krall	IDOT (via phone)
	Matt Fuller	FHWA (via phone)
	Bill Brown	NIRPC (via phone)
	Betsy Tracy	IDOT
	Kermit Wies	CMAP
	John Donovan	FHWA
	Teri Dixon	CMAP
	Holly Ostdick	CMAP
	Ross Patronsky	CMAP
	Mike Rogers	IEPA
	David Werner	FTA

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 P.M.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Item number 6.0 Semi-annual TIP conformity amendment was discussed first.

3.0 Approval of Minutes January 30, 2009

Approval of the minutes for the January 30, 2009 meeting was postponed to the next meeting.

4.0 State Implementation Plan

Mr. Rogers distributed a letter stating that the USEPA has performed a completeness review for base year emissions inventory, 8-hour ozone attainment demonstration,

reasonably available control measures, volatile organic compound (VOC), reasonably available control technology (RACT), reasonable further progress (RFP), contingency measure, and motor vehicle emissions budgets. This finding stops the sanction process regarding an attainment demonstration, VOC RACT, and RFP. However, the sanctions clock for NOx RACT is still in effect. Mr. Rogers explained that highway sanctions are set to begin by March 2010, unless the USEPA makes a completeness finding before then. The NOx RACT submission is expected in the late summer or early fall.

Mr. Rogers was asked when the ozone maintenance SIP will be submitted. Mr. Rogers stated the IEPA is focusing on other issues and has not set a time when the maintenance plan will be submitted.

Mr. Rogers stated the IEPA is close to beginning the public comment for an attainment demonstration SIP for the annual fine particulate matter standard. He stated they updated the vehicle registration distribution file and refined the heavy duty vehicle miles traveled.

5.0 GO TO 2040

Mr. Dean stated that the final plan adoption is anticipated in October of 2010. He stated the draft plan, including the transportation capital element, will be approved by the MPO Policy Committee in March 2010 and the CMAP Board in April 2010. It will be available for public review around May 2010. The conformity analysis for the plan and FFY 2010-2015 TIP will be included for public comment during the same time frame. All present agreed with concurrent review.

Mr. Patronskey distributed a memo regarding the conformity analysis years for *GO TO 2040* requesting that the consultation team discuss the inconsistent horizon years between NIRPC and CMAP, since NIRPC will not be adopting a 2040 plan until 2011. It is likely that there will be budgets for the 8-hour ozone and PM_{2.5} standards by then, so the horizon year difference will not matter. However, if the daily PM_{2.5} designations are made by the time the conformity analysis is done, there may be a need to do a joint conformity, thus requiring consistent horizon years. Mr. Leslie suggested NIRPC project 2030 VMT and planning assumptions to the year 2040 and use that for the conformity analysis. Mr. Wies urged caution in developing VMT data and planning assumptions for 2040 that would not ultimately be part of a 2040 plan.

6.0 Semi-annual TIP Conformity amendment

Ms. Berry stated that CMAP has requested changes to non-exempt and exempt tested projects for the semi-annual conformity analysis. One change that was received was the Elgin-O'Hare Bypass and add lanes on the current Elgin-O'Hare. There has been some discussion between CMAP, IDOT, and FHWA regarding whether the current status of this project would require an RTP update. Mr. Fuller of FHWA stated the project is currently

conducting a Tier I EIS which does not require a regional conformity determination for federal approval.

Ms. Berry stated that with the major capital projects for *GO TO 2040* anticipated to be approved by April 2010 and then next Semi-annual conformity is anticipated for approval in March 2010 it would be advantageous to not complete any RTP updates until after the Major Capital Projects is approved. All present agreed.

7.0 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Consultation team was left on call.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.