

**Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning**  
**Tier 2 Consultation Meeting**  
**May 14, 2007**  
Final Meeting Summary

<b>Participants</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Lindsay Banks	CMAP
Bill Brown (via phone)	NIRPC
Chris DiPalma	FHWA
Doug Ferguson	CMAP
Michael Leslie	USEPA
Hubert Morgan	CMAP
Les Nunes (via phone)	IDOT-OPP
Ross Patronsky	CMAP
Mark Pitstick	RTA
Mike Rogers (via phone)	IEPA
Joy Schaad	CMAP
Gordon Smith	CMAP
Betsy Tracy (via phone)	IDOT-OPP
Ty Warner	CMAP
Kermit Wies	CMAP

**1. Approval of the April 13, 2007 meeting summary**

The draft April meeting summary was approved with the following change: under item 6, it was Mr. Demeroukas who brought to the team's attention a Chicago Tribune article on IEPA's inspection and maintenance (I/M) program for vehicle emissions testing, not Mr. DiPalma.

**2. SAFETEA-LU Compliance**

Ms. Schaad gave a brief description of comments received in regards to the SAFETEA-LU Compliant RTP update. The comments were minimal and the consultation group was satisfied with staff response.

Mr. Smith gave a brief description of comments received in regards to the Public Participation Plan (PPP). The comments were minimal and the consultation group was satisfied with the staff response.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the submission of the SAFETEA-LU Compliant RTP and PPP to the Federal Government and the required support letters for each document. It was determined that the SAFETEA-LU compliant RTP will be approved on June 14, 2007 at the MPO Policy Committee meeting and at that time CMAP will provide a submittal letter to IDOT and IDOT will provide a submittal letter to USDOT.

It was further determined that as long as the draft PPP was complete and being distributed for public comment, it is not essential that the PPP make the July 1, 2007 deadline.

### **3. TIP/RTP Conformity**

Mr. Patronsky distributed a table titled Considerations for Next Plan/TIP Conformity Analysis. This table listed triggers, their date, and the conformity deadline. Discussion continued regarding coordinating a model run for conformity and a model run for the Comprehensive Regional Plan. Mr. Leslie stated he assumes baseline year for PM 2.5 Daily will be 2005. Mr. Nunes assumes all possible projects that would be included in IDOT's Capital Plan are already included in the TIP and will not trigger a conformity analysis.

Per FR-Doc E7-9825, on September 12, 2006, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) submitted a request for EPA approval of a redesignation of Lake and Porter Counties to attainment of the 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and of an ozone maintenance plan for this area as a revision to the Indiana State Implementation Plan (SIP) and the EPA recommends approval of the request. Comments must be received by July 2, 2007.

### **4. PM<sub>2.5</sub> Hot Spot Analysis – Passenger Rail**

Mr. DiPalma distributed a draft PM 2.5 Hot Spot Analysis memo for determining whether passenger rail projects within the CREATE program raise any PM 2.5 Air Quality concerns. Mr. DiPalma requested that the consultation group review the document and submit comments to himself or Jerry Stevenson ([Jerry.Stevenson@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:Jerry.Stevenson@fhwa.dot.gov)) by June 1, 2007. Mr. Pitstik questioned the use of specific numbers within the draft document. He continued to ask why this draft only applies to passenger rail and not freight as well. Mr. DiPalma responded that freight rail falls under general conformity and not transportation conformity. Mr. DiPalma said specific numbers were determined from the preamble to the Hot Spot Analysis and used in an attempt to convert rail into a vehicle for determining emissions. Therefore it is a way to normalize passenger rail into highway analysis. He clarified that the draft document distributed was a draft from the FHWA and he is providing it to the consultation group in order for members to provide comments. He clarified that comments should be sent to himself and Jerry Stevenson by June 1, 2007.

### **5. Other Business**

Mr. Patronsky clarified that he has not distributed the updated table for hot spot analysis due to the addition of a project.

Ms. Schaad questioned whether a more defined Consultation Process has been discussed in Federal Regulations. Mr. DiPalma clarified that SAFETEA-LU is purposely vague for each region to determine the consultation process and it should be outlined within the Public Participation Plan.

### **6. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was left on call.