



Tier II Consultation Meeting DRAFT Minutes – September 1, 2016

Participants:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Organization. Includes John Donovan (FHWA), Michael Leslie (USEPA), Ross Patronsky (CMAP), Tom Kotarac (CMAP), Jen Maddux (CMAP), Russell Pietrowiak (CMAP), Barbara Zubek (CMAP), Mark Pitstick (RTA), Brian Carlson (IDOT District 1), Chris Schmidt (IDOT OP&P), Ken Runkle (IDOT BDE- via phone), David Bloomberg (IEPA - via phone), Buzz Asselmeier (IEPA - via phone).

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions 11:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. All participants introduced themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – July 7, 2016 On a motion by Mr. Schmidt and seconded by Mr. Pitstick, the minutes of the July 7, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

4.0 Conformity Amendment Mr. Patronsky reported that CMAP released a conformity amendment for public comment at the July 22, 2016 Transportation Committee meeting, which was also posted on CMAP’s website. He noted that the public comment period closed on August 22, 2016; no comments were received. The Consultation team had no comments. The Transportation Committee will be requested to recommend approval of the conformity amendment to the Regional Coordinating Committee and the MPO Policy Committee.

5.0 Ozone SIP development Mr. Bloomberg reported that there will be an informational presentation on the planned recommendation for the new designations under the 2015 ozone NAAQS on September 6,

2016. He noted that the recommendation will be submitted to US EPA by October 15, 2016. USEPA will finalize designations by October 2017.

Mr. Bloomberg also reported that the State is developing an attainment demonstration SIP for the 2008 ozone NAAQS. He noted that there are differences in IEPA's and CMAP's analyses. It was resolved that the agencies will trade input files. Mr. Leslie noted that IEPA will need to prepare a 15% reasonable further progress SIP, which may be difficult to achieve.

Mr. Pietrowiak asked if there are any changes to the region being considered for the nonattainment designation. Mr. Schmidt asked if there will be any surprises at the informational meeting on September 6. Mr. Bloomberg replied that IEPA anticipates recommending designating the same nonattainment area as in prior designations.

#### **6.0 Revocation of 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard**

Mr. Leslie reported that the PM<sub>2.5</sub> implementation rule was published on August 24, 2016 and will be effective October 24, 2016. Part of the rule revokes the 1997 standard in the CMAP region. Mr. Patrosky asked how this rule affects the conformity analysis of the region. Mr. Leslie responded that the PM<sub>2.5</sub> analysis would not need to be included in conformity determinations after the effective date of the rule. Mr. Patrosky stated that CMAP staff will probably include it anyway.

Mr. Patrosky asked whether the 1997 standard was revoked in the Metro East region. Mr. Leslie stated that, whereas the Chicago region was in maintenance, the Metro East region had not been redesignated from nonattainment and will continue to make PM<sub>2.5</sub> conformity determinations for at least a couple of years. Mr. Runkle asked whether Metro East had problems with data. Mr. Leslie responded that the 2012-2014 data was invalidated and so the region could not be redesignated until valid data are obtained. Mr. Runkle asked if the same three years of clean data would be used for the CMAP region. Mr. Bloomberg replied that that is the hope and the data is looking good.

#### **7.0 Updated Transportation Conformity SIP**

Mr. Bloomberg reported that the Transportation Conformity SIP is in the process of being updated.

#### **8.0 Major Capital Project Updates**

Mr. Patrosky reported that a brief update on the status of Major Capital Projects is available on the Transportation Committee [minutes page](#).

#### **9.0 Other Business**

Mr. Kotarac gave a brief update on USDOT's proposed MPO Coordination and Planning Reform rule. The proposed rule states that all MPOs in a Census-defined urbanized area merge into one MPO or create joint planning products including TIP, LRTP and

performance targets. Mr. Kotarac went on to say that it is unclear how the rule would impact conformity. Mr. Kotarac reported that stakeholders across the country weighed in and asked for the rule to be withdrawn, noting that the docket contains over 500 comments, most of them opposing the rule. Mr. Kotarac reported that the Illinois and Indiana congressional delegations have also weighed in and USODT is currently reviewing documents. He noted that CMAP will share more with the Consultation team as information is available. Mr. Patronsky asked the team if they are aware of any effects on conformity. Mr. Leslie responded that since each area has its own budgets, conformity should be run the same as it is now, but speculated that there could be a joint conformity document. Mr. Donovan stated that the details are unclear and USDOT is not close to resolution.

#### **10.0 Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

#### **11.0 Next Meeting**

Mr. Patronsky reported that the next meeting will be on call; it is anticipated to be in conjunction with CMAP's conformity analysis, likely in February 2017.

#### **12.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.