



Tier II Consultation Meeting

Minutes - November 4, 2011

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

Participants:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Agency. Includes participants like Reggie Arkell (FTA), Patricia Berry (CMAF), and John Donovan (FHWA).

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions 10:30 a.m. All participants introduced themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements None.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – September 8, 2011 The minutes of September 8, 2011 were approved with one clarification.

4.0 Transportation Conformity Particulate Matter Hot-Spot Air Quality Modeling Jane Lin reviewed the memo provided with the agenda and requested input on the procedure to be used for determination of urban populations for the AERMOD dispersion model.

5.0 SIP Update

Mr. Rogers reported 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. The budgets in these SIPs were developed with MOVES. Mr. Leslie reported that the US EPA plans to issue a notice of approval of the SIPs in early 2012, which will include approval of budgets. A finding of adequacy will be issued prior to approval.

6.0 TIP Conformity Amendment

The team discussed the timing of the SIP approval relative to CMAP's next conformity analysis and agreed that the conformity analysis should use MOVES. Mr. Patrosky stated that CMAP plans to use local input values if the travel demand model can supply the data. Other inputs will be consistent with the values used by IEPA. He also noted that vehicle registration data has been requested from the Secretary of State, to see if source type population (number of vehicles) can be inferred, but it is unknown at this time if the data will be useable for local fleet inputs in MOVES. If not, the method suggested in the MOVES Technical Guidance will be used.

7.0 Implications of Designations under the 2008 Ozone NAAQS

Mr. Leslie reported that US EPA will be issuing attainment designations in 2012 under the 2008 ozone NAAQS and that Chicago will be in attainment based on the currently certified 2008 – 2010 air quality data. The team discussed the possible implications of the finding on the region's allocation of CMAQ funding. Mr. Donovan noted that under the current extension of SAFETEA-LU, apportionments remain tied to the last year of SAFETEA-LU. He also noted that current reauthorization proposals include significant changes to the funding programs. Mr. Leslie explained that in order for the US EPA to consider 2009 – 2011 data, which show the region to be in nonattainment, the state would need to certify that data. Mr. Rogers noted that there are other interested parties that may not support the use of this data. Mr. Leslie explained that a "120 day letter" detailing US EPA's intent for designations is likely to be issued in December. While not a formal call for comments, it is possible for changes to be made as a result of comments received during this time period. The team also noted that it will take time to revise regulations following any designation. Furthermore, the ozone standard will be updated in 2013, and Chicago might be found to be in non-attainment under the updated standard before regulatory changes take full effect.

8.0 Major Capital Project Updates

Ms. Bozic provided a brief update on the status of Major Capital Projects. It was noted that the description of the CREATE Passenger Corridor has been corrected in the TIP to include the Heritage Corridor. Following the meeting, Ms. Bozic verified that the Heritage Corridor CREATE project terminates at Summit. Mr. Arkell noted that CTA received an FTA grant for the Wilson Street station rehabilitation.

9.0 Activity-Based Model Development at CMAP

Mr. Wies provided an overview of the activity-based model currently under development, and its use in travel demand forecasts for conformity. He said that the activity-based model will not be replacing the existing travel demand model for conformity purposes anytime soon. Ms. Stitt noted that IDOT will be starting development of the state-wide rail plan and will be in touch with CMAP staff for model data.

10.0 Other Business

None.

11.0 Public Comment

None.

12.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is on call.

13.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Tier II Consultation Team Members:

	CMAP		FHWA		FTA		IDOT
	IEPA		RTA		USEPA		