



Tier II Consultation Meeting DRAFT Minutes – May 16, 2018

Committee Members

Table with 2 columns: Name and Agency. Rows include John Donovan (FHWA), Michael Leslie (EPA), Tony Greep (FTA), Mark Pitstick (RTA), Buzz Asselmeier (IEPA - via phone), David Bloomberg (IEPA - via phone), and Russell Pietrowiak (CMAP).

Participants

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1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. All participants introduced themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – February 22, 2018

On a motion by Mr. Leslie and seconded by Mr. Donovan, the minutes of the February 22, 2018 meeting were approved as presented.

4.0 South Coast AQ Management District v. EPA

Mr. Pietrowiak went over the potential impacts and status of a recent court case, South Coast Air Quality District v. EPA. He stated that the EPA recently filed an appeal of the decision, which is now pending before the DC Circuit. He stated that there are a number of components to the ruling, some of which were ruled in favor of the plaintiff's and some for the defendants. FHWA and FTA have issued some initial guidance for "orphan" nonattainment areas. Mr. Pietrowiak stated that NEIL did not have any orphan nonattainment areas so this particular part of the ruling is unlikely to impact the CMAP region. He also stated that there were other aspects of the ruling pertaining to anti-backsliding provisions that may impact the nonattainment status of the region and how conformity is done in the future but at this time it is unclear what the actual impacts will be. Updates regarding the impact of this case will be provided at future meetings.

5.0 ON TO Conformity Modeling

Mr. Pietrowiak stated that CMAP was about to start the conformity modeling for the new long range plan, ONTO 2050 and the 2019-2024 TIP. Prior to stating conformity he wanted to discuss the approach that CMAP would take and seek concurrence on that approach from the committee. Specifically he stated that CMAP plans on doing transportation conformity in the same manner it has in the past. The 2015 nonattainment area no longer includes McHenry County but CMAP proposes to include McHenry County in its analysis for the time being as that county is part of the 2008 nonattainment area. Mr. Pietrowiak also stated that CMAP continually attempts to update the data inputs used in the model. He stated that they had attempted to get new data for vehicles from the Illinois Secretary of State but due to some unforeseen delays that data would not be available to be used in conformity at this time. Finally he stated CMAP would continue to model for PM 2.5 even though it probably didn't have to. The committee concurred with CMAP's modeling approach including modeling McHenry County, using current data (not updating vehicle data), and demonstrating conformity for PM 2.5.

6.0 Ozone SIP development

Mr. Pietrowiak stated that a [Federal Register Notice](#) from EPA for Findings of Failure To Submit State Implementation Plan Submittals for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) had been made. Mr. Bloomberg stated that IEPA was working on address the issues cited in the federal register notice and that they might be doing attainment demonstration in the fall even though the region had not attained the 2008 Ozone NAAQS. He stated that it was likely that the region would be bumped up to serious nonattainment at the start of 2019. Mr. Leslie concurred that that would likely happen. Mr. Pietrowiak asked what this might mean, specifically if this would necessitate a new MVEB. Mr. Bloomberg and Mr. Leslie both stated that that was a possibility. Mr. Pietrowiak also stated that while the region might be bumped up under the 2008 Ozone NAAQS it is starting with a marginal classification for the 2015 nonattainment area.

7.0 2015 Non-Attainment Ozone designation

Mr. Pietrowiak explained that on April 30th EPA published 2015 non-attainment Ozone designations which included a decrease the size of Northeast Illinois's non-attainment area, including portions in Indiana, Wisconsin and most notably McHenry County. He stated that there is not an official publish date for the designations until it is published in the federal register. Mr. Leslie stated that would be coming soon and that the effective date would likely be in late summer.

8.0 Updated Transportation Conformity SIP

Mr. Bloomberg stated that there were no updates at this time.

9.0 AMPO Air Quality Working Group

Mr. Pietrowiak provided an update on the work that the AMPO working group will be undertaking over the next 2 years. He explained that two weeks ago the AMPO working

group met in Phoenix for an initial meeting. This group will meet twice a year and are considering CMAP for their next meeting location in October. Mr. Pietrowiak stated that all members of the committee would be invited to participate in AMPO working group meeting if it is held at CMAP.

10.0 Other Business

None

11.0 Public Comment

None

12.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on call.

13.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.