



Tier II Consultation Meeting
Minutes – February 13, 2014

Participants:

Reggie Arkell	FTA – via phone
Patricia Berry	CMAP
Bruce Carmitchel	IDOT
Kama Dobbs	CMAP
John Donovan	FHWA
Tony Maietta	USEPA
Holly Ostdick	CMAP
Ross Patronskey	CMAP
Russell Pietrowiak	CMAP
Mark Pitstick	RTA
Mike Rogers	IEPA
Chris Schmidt	IDOT – via phone
Kermit Wies	CMAP
Drew Williams-Clark	CMAP

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. All participants introduced themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

None.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – December 12, 2013

On a motion by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Carmitchel the minutes were approved as presented.

4.0 Semi-Annual GO TO 2040 and TIP Conformity Amendment

Ms. Berry reported that the semi-annual GO TO 2040 and TIP conformity amendment is scheduled to be considered at the March meetings of the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. The amendment was released for public comment at the Transportation Committee meeting on January 17, 2014. No comments have been received to date. She also noted that the deadline for submitting Conformity changes in the TIP database has been revised, with changes due April 17, 2014 for consideration with the adoption of the FFY 2014-2019 TIP and GO TO 2040 Update in October 2014.

5.0 GO TO 2040 Update and Development of FFY 2014-2019 TIP

Ms. Berry reminded the team that the new TIP is being developed concurrently with the plan update and will follow the same public comment and adoption schedule.

Mr. Williams-Clark provided an update on the progress of the GO TO 2040 update. He reported that the Implementation Action Areas update, which includes no major changes, is in progress. He noted that as reported to the team in December, a \$4.5 billion shortfall between core revenues and total operating and safe and adequate capital expenditures has been identified, resulting in a need for the identification of revenue sources beyond the core revenues. He reported that a meeting was held on February 6 to discuss the financial plan assumptions and concerns of Transportation Committee members and noted that IDOT has provided a comment letter on the draft financial plan which staff will be addressing at the March Policy Committee meeting.

Mr. Williams-Clark said that at the March Transportation Committee meeting, the region will be asked to commit to the action plan to implement the policies need to support the financial plan. In March the Transportation Committee will also discuss the Major Capital Projects evaluation methodology and in April a recommended list of Major Capital Projects will be presented. He concluded, noting that the Transportation Committee discussed the treatment of BRT at their January meeting and that those projects would be constrained under systematic enhancements.

6.0 State Implementation Plan Update

Mr. Rogers reported that the Illinois EPA is proposing a revision to the motor vehicle emissions budgets contained in the Chicago 8-hour ozone Maintenance Plan. The Illinois EPA proposes to allocate a portion of the Safety Margin from the approved Maintenance Plan to the volatile organic compound and oxides of nitrogen year 2025 budgets. He provided the proposed revision text and Illinois Register notice to be published on February 14.

Mr. Rogers explained that to meet USEPA requirements for updated planning assumptions, IEPA obtained 2013 vehicle age distribution data from the Secretary of State. Upon using that data in MOVES modeling, IEPA found, and CMAP staff verified, that in the 2040 analysis year, the plan would not conform to the maintenance budgets contained in the SIP. Mr. Rogers reviewed the data and proposed changes and explained that budget revisions require a revision of the SIP, which is subject to a public comment period. The comment period will extend through March 17, 2014 and a public hearing will be held, if requested, on March 24, 2014. At the conclusion of the comment period, the revision and any response to public comments will be forwarded to USEPA for consideration.

In response to a question from Mr. Pitstick, Mr. Rogers noted that point and area sources are not restricted in the same manner as mobile sources. Mr. Maietta noted that the proposed changes meet the intent of the Maintenance Plan, the consultation team is discussing the changes as required, there is no change in methodology since the previous evaluation utilized the MOVES model, and that therefore USEPA will be able to expedite the approval process to fall within the timeline necessary to adopt the GO TO 2040 plan update and FFY 2014-2019 TIP in October

7.0 Tracking Projects of Air Quality Concern (PAQC)

Ms. Berry reported that I-290 Corridor Improvements discussed in September were added to the table.

8.0 Major Capital Project Updates

Ms. Berry noted that a brief update on the status of Major Capital Projects is available on the Transportation Committee minutes page.

9.0 Other Business

Mr. Patronskey asked USEPA what the time frame would be for updates to the ozone NAAQS. Mr. Maietta stated it would be a couple of years before designations are made, but that CASAC public health data and the policy analysis are available, so a standard should be promulgated by year's end. The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) is a group of independent scientists who review the literature and make a recommendation on what the updated standard should be.

Mr. Rogers noted that the Memorandum of Agreement regarding the Conformity and Consultation processes has been on the back burner due to work on Stage ii vapor recovery and the new budgets.

10.0 Public Comment

None.

11.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is on call.

12.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Tier II Consultation Team Members:

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