



Tier II Consultation Meeting
DRAFT MINUTES – February 19, 2015

Participants:

Patricia Berry	CMAP
Kama Dobbs	CMAP
John Donovan	FHWA
Tony Greep	FTA – via phone
Michael Leslie	USEPA
Ross Patronsky	CMAP
Russell Pietrowiak	CMAP
Mark Pitstick	RTA
Mike Rogers	IEPA – via phone
Chris Schmidt	IDOT OP&P

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m. All participants introduced themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

None.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – August 21, 2014

On a motion by Mr. Pitstick, seconded by Mr. Leslie the minutes were approved as presented. The team agreed that the posting for the October, 2014 meeting could be removed from the web site, since the meeting did not occur.

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 was posted for public comment from January 16 – February 16, 2015 and is scheduled to be considered at the March meetings of the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. No comments were received. She also noted that for conformity determinations prior to October 2014, FHWA and FTA typically provided joint approval, via a letter from FHWA that was widely distributed. The current expectation is that separate letters will be issued. She requested that FTA use FHWA's approval schedule and wide distribution.

5.0 Conformity Analysis Method

Mr. Patronsky reported that after attending a recent MOVES training session, staff realized that the portion of the region not subject to the vehicle inspection and maintenance requirement has been treated as though the vehicles were subject to I&M. This has been corrected in the current analysis and the conformity document will be updated. The effect on emissions inventories was minor. He noted that, NO_x and PM_{2.5} emissions actually declined slightly, probably due to the different speed distribution in the non-IM part of the region. VOC emissions did go up. Mr. Rogers said that, since the IM program addresses VOC, these results made sense. Mr. Leslie and Mr. Rogers stated this was a reasonable approach and the team concurred.

6.0 09-08-0007 – CH 7 Eldamain Rd from CH 9 Galena to Menards (2,640' S. of Cornelius Rd)

Ms. Berry reported that this project had federal funding amended into the TIP in March, 2014 that was moved to the Multi-Year B (MYB) list during the rollover to federal fiscal year 2015 and inadvertently not moved back into FFY 2015, as was originally intended. The project is targeting the March 6, 2015 letting and staff requested concurrence to treat the change as an administrative modification. The team concurred with this action.

7.0 State Implementation Plan Update

Mr. Rogers reported that as the Illinois EPA submitted a proposed revision to the motor vehicle emissions budgets contained in the Chicago 8-hour ozone Maintenance Plan on March 28, 2014. The revision was in response to a change in the fleet age distribution between 2008 and 2013. One adverse comment to the proposed change was received; this delayed approval but did not affect the decision. Approval of the revision was published in the Federal Register on October 6, 2014 and became effective in November 2014.

8.0 Ozone NAAQS Update

Mr. Leslie reported that US EPA published a proposed rule updating the ozone NAAQS on December 17, 2014. The rule is subject to a 90-day comment period. The standard must be finalized by October 2015 and will likely become effective in early December, 2015. Assuming this effective date, designations are expected to occur in December, 2017, based on 2014-2016 monitoring data. The proposed rule updates the standard range from the current 75 ppb to a value in the range of 65 – 70 ppb. A secondary standard, addressing impacts on the natural and built environments, is also being proposed. The proposal is for the secondary standard to be the same as the primary standard. He reported that comments are being requested for a standard down to 60 ppb. In response to a question from Mr. Donovan, Mr. Patronsky indicated that comments from CMAP are not anticipated, but that AMPO and AASHTO were likely to comment. Mr. Rogers stated that the Chicago area is anticipated to remain designated as non-attainment based on the proposed standard. Additional locations, including Bloomington, Peoria, and Effingham, would possibly be designated nonattainment at 65 ppb and all portions of the

state with monitors would be nonattainment at 60 ppb. Mr. Leslie noted that historically, USEPA would not set a standard lower than the published proposed rule.

9.0 PM_{2.5} Designations

Mr. Leslie reported that US EPA has signed a final rule designating nonattainment areas under the 2012 PM_{2.5} NAAQS. The rule will be effective 90 days following publication in the Federal Register. Illinois has been designated “unclassifiable” due to issues with the data. This designation means that, while the state remains in maintenance for the 1997 standard, after the 1997 standard is revoked the region will technically be in attainment. There are no anti-backsliding provisions for PM; the only requirements are conformity and new source review. In response to a question from Mr. Rogers, Mr. Leslie stated that US EPA is working with the labs that had data issues, and provisions to address those issues have not been included in the rule so far. In response to questions, Mr. Leslie stated that the samples were corrupted at the lab and that procedures were corrected part way through 2014.

10.0 Conformity Scenario Years

Mr. Patronsky reported that 2015 is a scenario year in the current conformity determination, along with 2025, which corresponds with the maintenance SIP horizon year, 2040, which is the horizon year of GO TO 2040, and 2030, which is no more than 10 years from 2025 and 2040. He stated that beginning in 2016, an additional scenario year is needed in place of 2015, and requested feedback from the members on the appropriate year. The consensus of the team was that 2020 is an appropriate scenario year. Mr. Patronsky stated the new scenario years would take effect for the March 2016 conformity analysis.

11.0 Tracking Projects of Air Quality Concern (PAQC)

Ms. Berry reported that IDOT has hired a new air quality manager and that CMAP staff is continuing to work with IDOT and the new manager on notifications of PAQCs. Mr. Rogers added that East St. Louis recently approved thresholds below which air quality would be handled as part of the NEPA process. Mr. Leslie stated that a problem with thresholds in this region is that they are usually most appropriate for new construction projects, but in northeastern Illinois projects are typically expansions of existing facilities. Ms. Berry stated staff will continue to coordinate with IDOT. In response to a question from Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Rogers confirmed that East St. Louis had officially adopted the thresholds.

12.0 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.

13.0 Other Business

None.

14.0 Public Comment

None.

15.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting was left on call.

16.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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