

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Tier 2 Consultation Meeting
August 21, 2007
Final Meeting Summary

Participants	Representing
Patricia Berry	CMAP
Claire Bozic	CMAP
Bill Brown (via phone)	NIRPC
Chris DiPalma	FHWA
Dean B. Englund	PB
Matt Fuller (via phone)	FHWA-IL
Orlando Gomez	CMAP
Jon Jeung	CMAP
Michael Leslie	USEPA
Tom Murtha	CMAP
Holly Ostdick	CMAP
Ross Patronskey	CMAP
Mark Pitstick	RTA
Mike Rogers	IEPA
Jim Stack	IDOT
J.D. Stevenson (via phone)	FHWA
Danielle Stewart (via phone)	IDOT-DPIT
Betsy Tracy	IDOT
Rocco Zucchero	ISTHA
Walt Zyznieuski (via phone)	IDOT

1. Approval of the June 26, 2007 meeting summary

The draft June 26, 2007 meeting summary was approved

2. Conformity Triggers

Mr. Patronskey distributed a spreadsheet titled "Considerations for Next Plan/TIP Conformity Analysis". Members present reviewed the spreadsheet and expressed general concerns. Mr. DiPalma asked if an Illinois capital program was to be approved, will that change the deadlines, or would conformity be completed on a project by project basis. CMAP staff stated it would depend on the extent of the capital plan.

Mr. Rogers stated that Annual PM2.5 is due April 15th not April 5th, as the spreadsheet showed. It was questioned whether Conformity was due within two or one years after designation. Mr. Leslie stated it is one year from designation. As for the 8-hour Ozone SIP, Mr. Rogers stated that IEPA is running the model and completion is targeted for the end of the year. The new ozone state recommended standard draft will be available in 2009 with a final draft in June 2010. In return, the SIP is due in 2013.

3. IDOT Bureau of Design and Environment Draft Procedure Memorandum

Mr. Zyznieuski stated that the draft was distributed at the June Consultation meeting and he requested comments. He asked whether there were any other comments regarding the memo. He stated there would be a peer exchange in October.

4. PM_{2.5} Nonattainment Area Designations

Mr. Leslie and Mr. Rogers stated that it is similar to the triggers and to expect the state to send recommendations this year. In April of 2010 final designations will be determined. Mr. Rogers stated that there is potentially a change in boundaries but it has been recommended by the state to keep the boundaries the same. Mr. Patronsky asked if there were new boundaries in Indiana. Mr. Brown and Mr. Leslie stated they have not heard anything.

5. CREATE Passenger Rail and PM_{2.5}/PM₁₀

Mr. Zyznieuski stated that in mid-July everyone received draft guidance regarding this issue and he is currently looking for comments. Mr. Pitstick stated that he has reservations regarding determining the thresholds from highway thresholds. Additionally, a question was raised about increasing transit facilities by 50%. Mr. Stevenson has received some comments and will incorporate them into the draft guidance and distribute a revised memo to the members. He stated they will be seeking concurrence at the next meeting.

6. TIP Change and TIP Amendment

CMAP staff distributed a memo for the proposed TIP change and amendment for I-355 and Burr Ridge 71st St/Bridewell Drive projects. Staff stated they have completed the air quality conformity analysis and the effect on emissions is small and within the budget. Mr. DiPalma stated that possibly the consultation team should consider creating a methodology on how to handle future scope changes and whether it would be determined a TIP amendment or a TIP change. Ms. Berry stated that the TIP amendment will be released for public comment at the August 24, 2007 Transportation Committee and then the Transportation Committee will address public comments at their September meeting and request for the Policy Committee to approve the TIP amendment at their October meeting. She continued to state that IEPA and USEPA need to give approval as well. Mr. Patronsky questioned what IEPA, USDOT, and USEPA need to make their determination for approval? Mr. Rogers stated a few pages of documentation should give adequate information for their decisions.

Mr. DiPalma stated that 71st Street is classified as a local road and needs to be classified above an urban collector in order to receive federal funds. Mr. DiPalma stated that this shows the project as not regionally significant but stated that reclassification is a straightforward process and should happen before the project is included in the TIP. Mr. DiPalma stated that the FHWA recommends the project be removed from the TIP until redesignation occurs. Mr. DiPalma expressed concern about streets that are ineligible for federal funding being shown as receiving federal funding through inclusion in the TIP with federal funds listed. Mr. Murtha stated that

this is an important issue because as an agency we are trying to start programming transportation improvements based on future development, and that might mean improving a road for local conditions that don't exist yet, or making improvements that encourage development the region desires.

7. I-55 Center Median Study

Mr. Murtha showed a video and described the I-55 portion of the Urban Partnership Program. He asked the group what sort of conformity would need to occur if Chicago's Urban Partnership proposal was accepted. Mr. DiPalma suggested that CMAP study alternatives and develop recommendations and begin a Phase I.

8. Other Business

The ozone status for neighboring states was questioned. Mr. Leslie stated the issue was still under review.

Ms. Tracy distributed a handout for the IDOT Fall Planning conference.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting was left on call.