

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Tier 2 Consultation Meeting
April 13, 2007
Final Meeting Summary

Participants	Representing
John Allen	CMAP
Patricia Berry	CMAP
Bill Brown	NIRPC
Chris Demeroukas	IEPA
Chris DiPalma	FHWA
Doug Ferguson	CMAP
George Johnson	CMAP
Kerry Leigh	CMAP
Michael Leslie	USEPA
Les Nunes	IDOT-OPP
Ross Patronskey	CMAP
Mike Rogers	IEPA
Joy Schaad	CMAP
Kermit Wies	CMAP

1. Approval of the December 18, 2006 and January 9, 2007 meeting summaries

The draft December and January meeting summaries were approved.

2. SIP and Conformity Timetables

Mr. Rogers indicated that, following discussions with the USEPA and the Lake Michigan Air Directors' Consortium, the five Lake Michigan area states have changed the base year for the attainment demonstration air quality modeling from 2002 to 2005. This means that the base year inventories will be recreated, causing the SIP submittal to be delayed until the fall instead of by the June 15 deadline. IEPA stated that missing the June 15 deadline could result in a "Failure to Submit" finding by the USEPA which would start a sanctions clock. If the SIP was not submitted within 2 years, transportation funding sanctions could be imposed. However since the SIP is expected to be submitted in the fall, the sanctions clock would be turned off. Mr. Leslie recommended some sort of submission to USEPA by the June 15 deadline, at least indicating when the full SIP will be submitted.

NIRPC indicated that IDEM has submitted a maintenance re-designation request to the USEPA for northwest Indiana. This would call for new ozone SIPs for northwest Indiana.

3. PM_{2.5} Hot Spot Analysis – Status Report

Mr. Patronskey presented the status report on analyses done to date. He received a request a month ago from IDOT District 3 for the Brisbin Rd interchange and sent them the procedures which will be discussed in the next agenda item. All requests have been from IDOT District 1 except for the Brisbin Rd interchange.

Mr. Patronsky also said that he sent out lists of projects that have the possibility of needing PM_{2.5} hot spot analysis to project programmers from the TIP with the exception of the CMAQ projects which are programmed by CMAP. Mr. DiPalma suggested looking at the CMAQ project types to narrow down what if any qualify. Mr. Patronsky stated that he would send out a list of CMAQ work types to the team.

4. PM_{2.5} Hot Spot Analysis – Procedure Outline

Mr. Patronsky reviewed the outline distributed. Mr. Rogers recommended including the thresholds. Mr. Leslie indicated that was not necessary and that the procedure should just reference the EPA guidelines. Mr. DiPalma pointed out that the public comment period does not need to be separate from the one done for the NEPA process.

5. SAFETEA-LU Compliance

Ms. Schaad indicated that the RTP is currently out for public comment until April 23, 2007. The RTP is schedule to go to the May 25 Transportation Committee (WPC) for consideration of recommendation to the Policy Committee and to the CMAP Board on June 13 and the Policy Committee on June 14. Mr. Allen stated that the Public Involvement Plan is also out for public comment, that public comment period extends through May 10 and has the same approval schedule as the RTP.

6. Other Business

Mr. Demeroukas brought to the team's attention a Chicago Tribune article on IEPA's inspection and maintenance (I/M) program for vehicle emissions testing. He presented the team with information on the I/M program that counters many of the conclusions of the article. IEPA is putting together a response with the Governor's office and Director Doug Scott will be submitting an editorial to the Tribune.

Mr. Nunes asked if there are any updates to the bill on diesel retrofits being paid for by a tax on the trucking industry. Mr. Demeroukas indicated that the tax has been dropped.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting was left on call.