

Chicago Area Transportation Study
Tier 2 Consultation Meeting
September 11, 2006
Final Meeting Summary

Participants	Representing
Patricia Berry	CMAP
Bill Brown (via phone)	NIRPC
Chris DiPalma	FHWA
Michael Leslie	USEPA
Ross Patronsky	CMAP
Mark Pitstick	RTA
Mike Rogers	IEPA
Joy Schaad	CMAP
Ron Thomas	CMAP
Ty Warner	CMAP
Kermit Wies	CMAP

1. Approval of the June 19, 2006 meeting summary

The draft June meeting summary was approved.

2. Concurrent Review

Mr. Wies provided a draft of the response to public comment prepared for the RTP Committee. The comments were related primarily to the RTP recommendations with a few comments regarding the planning process. Mr. Wies specifically addressed a comment received that one of the transportation recommendations appearing in the RTP would worsen air quality and thus affect the conformity result. The proposed response was that all RTPs and TIPs are subjected to an analysis that tests conformity to the SIP. Without passing this test, the RTP and TIP cannot be approved. The consultation team also discussed the comments regarding the method of conducting the public meeting. Mr. Wies reminded that team that the RTP development process included several intensive opportunities for public involvement over the last several years.

The team discussed the exchange of submittal letters after the Policy Committee meeting on October 12, 2006. CATS will provide IDOT with a letter requesting approval. IDOT will present letters to USDOT and USEPA respectively copying IEPA. All concurred that acceptance and approval will be in place prior to the October 20 deadline.

Mr. Wies informed the team members that the update of the Plan to comply with SAFETEA-LU requirements is the subject of internal CMAP discussions. The timeline for adopting a compliant plan and having federal reviews complete by July, 2007 will be brought to the consultation team, perhaps in November.

3. PM2.5 Hot-Spot Analysis – Status Reports

Mr. Patronsky reported that emissions data based on the traffic volumes and diesel truck percentages has been supplied for one project: 01-98-0114, O'HARE ACCESS RDS FROM US 12 45 MANNEHEIM RD (COOK/CHICAGO) TO I- 294 CUMBERLAND AVE (COOK/ROSEMONT)

In addition, traffic volume and diesel truck percentage data have been requested for another project: 09-02-9033, PRAIRIE PARKWAY FROM I- 88 (KANE/KANEVILLE TWP) TO I- 80 (GRUNDY/AUX SABLE TWP)

Mr. Patronsky noted although the Hot-Spot analysis requirement has been discussed at Work Program Committee, individual project sponsors whose projects may be subject to hot spot analysis have not been contacted.

4. Other Business

Ms. Berry noted that the PM2.5 Hot-Spot Analysis – “Significant Diesel” Item deferred at the June meeting will be considered at a future meeting.

Ms. Berry also noted .that RTA will be named as the designated recipient for JARC and New Freedoms funding at the October Policy Committee meeting. Agreements with northwestern Indiana and southeastern Wisconsin on division of these funds will be acted on at the same meeting.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting was left on call.