

Tier 2 Consultation Meeting
Tuesday, March 1, 2005
Final Meeting Summary

Participants

Patricia Berry	CATS
Doug Ferguson	CATS
Don Kopec	CATS
Michael Leslie	USEPA
Carl Mikyska	IDOT (by phone)
Patricia Morris	USEPA
Ross Patronsky	CATS
Mike Rogers	IEPA
Gordon Smith	IDOT
Betsy Tracy	IDOT (by phone)
Kevin Ward	FHWA
Kermit Wies	CATS

1. Approval of the January 13, 2005 meeting summary
The consultation team approved the draft January 13, 2005 meeting summary.

2. 2030 RTP Update

The schedule for the 2030 RTP update relies on concurrent review and expedited approval. The schedule call for Policy Committee consideration on October 12, 2006 and our deadline for federal approval is October 20, 2006. Ms. Morris asked for an e-mail requesting concurrent review on the 2030 RTP update.

3. 8-hour Conformity

One comment was received on the 8-hour conformity. Mr. Patronsky distributed a draft response to the comment received from CNT. He said it was not appropriate to respond to the OIG report mentioned in the letter. USEPA would need to give direction for a response. Ms. Morris said the letter was a criticism of the planning process and how emissions are estimated and not of the conformity analysis. She asked about the time frame for the response. Mr. Patronsky replied that the Policy Committee meets on March 10, 2005 and the comment and response will be addressed at that meeting. Mr. Rogers said that IEPA management may respond. Mr. Smith suggested that the response indicate that the comment was passed along to IEPA for response. Mr. Rogers said it would be inappropriate to guarantee that a response from IEPA will be coming. Mr. Kopec stated that CNT will likely attend the Policy Committee meeting and a response should be available. He noted that the comment regarding opening a window for bad projects is incorrect as is the statement that 2010 was not analyzed. The AQTM task force could address the other air quality issues. Mr. Rogers said the letter was inaccurate on many points. Ms. Berry suggested that the USEPA and IEPA could participate in the Policy Committee meeting to provide a response if needed.

A discussion ensued regarding process for review of the Conformity Analysis. A letter to IDOT requesting that they send the analysis to FHWA/FTA for review and a letter from FHWA requesting USEPA/IEPA review of the analysis documentation is appropriate. Mr. Smith, Mr. Mikyska and Ms. Berry will coordinate this effort.

4. TIP update

It is anticipated that the conformity-neutral FY 2005-2009 TIP will be considered for approval at the June Policy Committee meeting. The Conformity Analysis Supplement document was distributed to the Consultation Team with the agenda. A draft schedule for the FY06-10 TIP was distributed at the meeting. There was an error in the notes sections on federal approval deadline. The schedule indicated October 9, 2006 when it should have read October 20th. Mr. Patronsky addressed the Conformity Analysis Supplement for the FY05-09 TIP update and the 2030 RTP. The supplement references other documents since this was a supplement to the analysis done for the approved conformity determination. Ms. Berry stated that comments were welcome. Ms. Morris stated that she and Mr. Leslie reviewed and saw no problem with referencing previous analysis documents.

5. PM 2.5 Standard

An update on guidance and timing for conformity of the RTP and TIP to the PM 2.5 standard was requested. Ms. Morris indicated that there is nothing new to add. April 2006 is the conformity deadline for PM 2.5. A discussion of re-entrained road dust and the 2009/2010 scenario year occurred. Either year may be used.

6. 2000 Census

Discussion on the status of the action items related to the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary and agreement with SEWRPC occurred. Ms. Berry said she is working with SEWRPC on a draft agreement and the addition of Kendall County and Aux Sable Township in Grundy County will be considered by the Policy Committee for inclusion in the MPA. We currently have an exclusion agreement for Goose Lake and Aux Sable Townships and will investigate whether a new agreement covering only Goose Lake Township will be required. The Policy Committee's By-Laws subcommittee will meet March 2, 2005 to consider changes to the CATS by-laws necessitated by the change in the MPA. There will be no changes to the funding structures until the 2010 census, but it is likely that Kendall County will be offered a seat on the CATS Policy Committee.

7. Certification

A review of the conclusions and recommendations from the "2002 Certification Review" took place. Mr. Wies started with items 1 and 4 concerned with safety. He mentioned the Soles and Spokes Plan concern with non-motorized safety and that the RTP Committee has spent time discussing how to use the RTP to promote safety and reach safety goals. Ms. Berry noted that item 2 regarding regional emphasis on freight has been met with the CREATE program. Mr. Wies stated that with regard to item 3, increasing engagement with the Hispanic communities and other groups, that special outreach with the RTP and public involvement plan have been attempted. Challenges have been encountered with increasing community involvement and with loss of bilingual staff. Mr. Smith added that efforts are being made to reach out to political leaders. Ms. Berry discussed items 5 and 6 with regards to TIP by mentioning the inclusion of council maps in the TIP documentation that can be ordered in larger scale

formats. To increase public understanding and use of the TIP, staff has been developing a web based interactive map of the TIP called TIP-IMS. A presentation of the TIP-IMS is planned for the upcoming Policy Committee meeting.

Mr. Ward indicated that a letter from himself and Vanessa Adams will be forthcoming giving more details of the certification review. He did indicate that the desk audit was scheduled for April 13 and 14 and the site visit was scheduled for June 7, 8 and 9, 2005. Subsequent to the meeting, the certification review was deferred until August. Participating in the review will be Steve Call's replacement, Chris DiPalma. Mr. Wies asked if the desk audit will have a checklist on the Travel Model process. Mr. Ward indicated there would be a checklist but that it is more of a guide.

8. Other Business

No other business was brought before the team.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting was left on call.