

Tier 2 Consultation Meeting
Wednesday, September 10, 2003
Final Meeting Summary

Participants

Vanessa Adams	USDOT/FTA (via speakerphone)
Patricia Berry	CATS
Steve Call	USDOT/FHWA (via speakerphone)
Patricia Morris	USEPA
Mark Pitstick	RTA
Mike Rogers	IEPA
Kermit Wies	CATS

1. Approval of the July 8 meeting summary

The second draft summary was approved.

2. Development of the 2030 RTP, the FY 04-09 TIP and the Conformity Analysis documentation

Mr. Wies described the process for compiling and processing the public comment received on the Plan. In addition to the comments received at CATS, NIPC provided CATS copies of the testimony received at the public hearings on their forecasts. The RTP Committee has provided guidance in responding to the comments received and made some changes to the language in the document. Since most consultation team members participated in the RTP Committee meeting, most concerns were addressed there. Mr. Wies asked if any of the review agencies had additional questions or concerns.

Mr. Call asked about changes to the population totals used in the RTP documentation. Mr. Wies said that NIPC provided revised socio-economic forecasts in August. A bigger control total resulted; the total changed by a few hundred thousand. The new total will be in the final document. Mr. Rogers suggested that a discussion of the difference occur in the socio-economic section. Mr. Call said he would like to see some other minor changes to clarify a few things. All consultation team participants committed to getting any clarifying language or other final comments on the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan to Mr. Wies by Friday, September 12. Mr. Pitstick asked if the revised RTP would be available at the September Work Program Committee meeting. Mr. Wies said the comments have been sent to the Work Program Committee and they will be provided with a summary. The revised RTP will be available for the Policy Committee.

Ms. Berry asked for comments on the FY 2004-2009 TIP and the Conformity Analysis Documentation. Mr. Rogers said he has already commented and his

comments have been incorporated into the documentation. He noted that the work under review was appropriately done using the one-hour standard SIP and SIP budgets. He further noted that as the new budgets are developed, IEPA will need input from CATS and IDOT. All committed to cooperation. Mr. Call said he had no comments on the TIP and looked forward to hearing Ms. Morris' comments on the Conformity Analysis documentation. Ms. Morris said the draft documentation looks fine.

The anticipated approval schedule was reviewed. IEPA expects to have its approval recommendation signed out by October 14. USEPA expects to have its approval recommendation signed out by the 17th and USDOT expects to be able to meet the November 2 deadline.

3. Other business

No other business was brought before the team.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting was left on call.