

Tier 2 Consultation Meeting
Tuesday, July 8, 2003
Final Meeting Summary

Participants

Vanessa Adams	USDOT/FTA
Patricia Berry	CATS
Steve Call	USDOT/FHWA
Sarah Koepke	FHWA
Patricia Morris	USEPA
Mark Pitstick	RTA
Mike Rogers	IEPA
Gordon Smith	IDOT/OP&P (via speakerphone)
Mike Walczak	CATS
Kermit Wies	CATS

1. Approval of the third drafts of the April 22 and June 11 meeting summaries
The summaries were approved.

2. Nonattainment Boundary Designation for the 8-hour Ozone Standard
Among the comments IEPA received was a comment from the American Lung Association that the boundary should be expanded to include Kankakee, DeKalb, Grundy and Kendall counties. The IEPA recommendation of retaining the existing boundary will be submitted by the Governor to the USEPA by July 15.

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

The draft documentation was reviewed. Team members discussed their participation in the various committees involved in development of the 2030 RTP and the FY 04-09 TIP. Participation has allowed the concerns of the regulatory agencies to be addresses on an ongoing basis. Ms. Morris asked about the timing of the conformity analysis. The analysis is underway. Mr. Wies reviewed the revisions to the draft RTP in response to Mr. Call's request for an enhanced discussion of safety. Mr. Wies reported that after consulting with RTP participants, greater discussion was included regarding traffic safety strategies and safety concerns for seniors and persons with disabilities. Mr. Call felt that this enhanced discussion would address his request. Mr. Call asked about the freight plan that has been in the press lately. Mr. Wies indicated that the city of Chicago will take the lead on how this proposal is addressed in the RTP. The revisions made to the TIP were reviewed. The TIP brochure will also be updated to reflect the major projects in the FY 04-09 version. All participants committed to continuing participation.

4. Other business

Ms. Morris said that the adequacy for the proposed MOBILE6 budgets letter has been signed. Copies of the June 26 letter were distributed. It was noted that the earlier version of the budgets were used in the letter. USEPA will check the numbers and correct them if necessary. The federal register notice is going through the signature process. It should be published sometime in mid-July and will be effective fifteen days after publication.

Ms. Morris said that changes to 40CFR93 to comply with the March 1999 court decision are going out for comment June 30 and the comment period will run through July 30. Mr. Rogers asked if the MOU will need to be revised.

Ms. Morris said that a proposal is that the state submit consultation procedures and keep conformity as a federal regulation. In Indiana they have MOUs for consultation procedures. IEPA included both regulations and procedures--the regulations should be taken out. IEPA and USEPA will discuss this further. Ms. Morris said the consultation process works well, but it would be nice to spell out the process. There will be another federal register proposing that change with the proposal for the eight-hour standard.

Mr. Call asked if I&M funding has been resolved for this year. Mr. Rogers replied that it had and the \$6.6 million from the CMAQ program will be used for capital carried over for construction. Access to the road fund and the leaking underground storage tank fund will carry the program through June, 2004.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting was left on call.