

INTER AGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP
Tuesday, May 30, 2017
East-West Gateway Board Room

Members Present:

Carol Lawrence, Chair - East-West Gateway Council of Governments
Stacy Allen - Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Mike Henderson - Missouri Department of Transportation
Kevin Jemison – Illinois Department of Transportation, OP&P
Heather Hamilton - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 (telephone)

Staff:

Mary Grace Lewandowski Jason Lange

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Inter Agency Consultation Group (IACG) was called to order by Carol Lawrence, East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG).

2. Update on Conformity Determination for FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program
 - East-West Gateway Council of Governments

Earlier this month the IACG was sent a table listing all local project submittals for the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and their classification as either regionally significant (include in regional emissions analysis), not regionally significant but not exempt (include in regional emissions analysis) or exempt from being in regional emissions analysis. IACG was asked to review and concur with these classifications. Also sent to the IACG for review and concurrence was a table of projects from Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), Metro and Madison County Transit District and their associated classifications. At the time the second list was sent out, the Governor had not released the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) program. On May 26, the Governor released the Illinois transportation program. EWG staff had this information but could not make it public. Shortly, EWG staff will send the IACG the IDOT program with classification and a few additional MoDOT projects.

Mr. Lange, EWG, pointed out that with the Illinois release, EWG can now proceed with just one Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) document and one Conformity Determination. It will be less confusing all around. He also added that local project submittal classification table included all the project proposals received. Since that time, the Transportation Planning Committees for Missouri and Illinois have met and made their funding recommendations and the list of local projects is smaller.

The Draft for Preview Conformity Determination document is being prepared. Ms. Lawrence, EWG, said that Ms. Shoaib could not attend and sent an update on the

modeling. The land use forecast estimates came in late and staff is reviewing them. Over the weekend the travel demand model runs were begun but there were problems. The problems have been fixed and the model runs were re-started. They should be completed by the beginning of next week. The vehicle miles traveled (VMT) model output will then be applied to MOVES generated emission factors and emissions estimates by analysis year will be prepared. The emission estimates are used in the regional emissions analysis portion of the Conformity Determination.

When the modeling is complete, then the regional emissions analysis, associated text and appendices can be finalized. The Draft for Preview Conformity Determination document should be sent to the IACG for review sometime in June. It may be necessary to have a shorter review period. At this same time, the staff will prepare the Draft for Consultation Conformity Determination and present it and the TIP at the June meetings of the Executive Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors.

The Conformity Determination/TIP public review period will run from June 30 through August 3, 2017. Five open houses throughout the region have been scheduled along with one on-line chat in held conjunction with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Early in July there will be a 30 minute Facebook Live livestream.

Mr. Lange, EWG, said that as before, Appendix A in the Conformity Determination, Transportation Planning Projects, will contain one table of new projects and their classifications and another of carryover projects.

3. Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting of the Inter Agency Consultation Group was adjourned.