



EAST-WEST GATEWAY
Council of Governments

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AGENDA
INTER AGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019
NOON – 1:00 P.M.
EAST-WEST GATEWAY BOARD ROOM

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1. Call to Order

- Carol Lawrence, Chair, East-West Gateway Council of Governments

2. Introduction to Transportation Conformity Course Review

- East-West Gateway Council of Governments

3. Report on the *Connected2045* Update and Conformity Determination

- East-West Gateway Council of Governments

**4. Status Report on the Conformity Determination for the FY 2020 – 2023
Transportation Improvement Program**

- East-West Gateway Council of Governments

**5. Revision to Regionally Significant Screening Criteria Document –
Discussion Item**

6. Other Business

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INTER AGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP
Tuesday, January 29, 2019
Noon – 1:00 P.M.
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
Jed Wolkins – EPA Region 7 (Telephone)
Buzz Asselmeier – Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Telephone)
Christopher Schmidt – Illinois Department of Transportation
Brad McMahon – Federal Highway Administration Missouri
Betsy Tracy – Federal Highway Administration Illinois (Telephone)
Margo Daniels – Missouri Department of Natural Resources

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Jennifer Vuitel Maureen McCarthy Sonya Pointer Josh Schwenk Brenden Giblin

1. Call to Order

- Carol Lawrence, Chair, East-West Gateway Council of Governments

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

2. Status Report on *Connected2045* Update and Conformity Determination

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At this time the only change in schedule for the *Connected2045* Update is associated with finalizing the project list. It has been delayed because funding information is still to be provided by Missouri. After that the air quality modeling can be completed. As for the Conformity Determination, right now, there will be a draft for preview ready in March, the comment period will be in April and May, and the final document will be adopted approved in June.

3. EPA’s Transportation Conformity Guidance for the South Coast II Court Decision and Conformity for 1997 Ozone Standard – Items to Consider

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At the end of November 2018, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued guidance for the February 2018 South Coast II Court Decision. In this decision, portions of EPA’s 2008 Ozone Standard SIP Requirements Rule were struck down but EPA’s March 2015 revocation of the 1997 ozone standard was upheld. This guidance addresses how transportation conformity

determination for the 1997 ozone standard can be performed for Orphan Areas. In the court decision Orphan Areas were identified as areas which were either in maintenance or non-attainment for the 1997 ozone standard in 2015 when EPA revoked it and which were found by EPA to be in attainment for the 2008 standard.

In April 2018 the eight-county St. Louis region (MO-IL) and Jersey County, IL (outside of the EWG boundary) was identified as an Orphan Area. In EPA's guidance, it was identified as a Partial Orphan Maintenance Area. The non-attainment area for the 2008 ozone standard is smaller than the maintenance area for the 1997 ozone standard. Jersey County is the Orphan. It was decided that regionally significant projects in Jersey County are to be part of the Conformity Determination process for just the 1997 ozone standard. Conformity for this standard is required to begin on February 16, 2019. Since the 1997 ozone standard was revoked in 2015, a regional emissions analysis does not have to be performed. Conformity can be demonstrated by showing the following criteria have been met: use of the latest planning assumptions; consultation occurred; timely implementation of any approved SIP Transportation Control Measures (TCMs)/if there are any TCMs in the SIP; and fiscal constraint. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) developed a conformity template to help Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) carry out Conformity Determinations for the 1997 ozone standard. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has informed EWG of two regionally significant projects in Jersey County. EWG will need fiscal constraint information from IDOT to complete this Conformity Determination. The IACG learned that IDOT applied for a BUILD grant for one of the projects, but did not receive it.

4. Conformity Determination for FY 2020 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program

- East-West Gateway Council of Governments
 - a. Regional Emissions Analysis
 - b. Date Conformity Determination Begins

Local STP-S and CMAQ project proposals are due February 14 and partner program proposals are due by the end of March. Currently, the draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and draft Conformity Determination are scheduled to be presented to the Board in June and the public comment period will run from late June through early August. The TIP and Conformity Determination will be presented to the Board of Directors at the end of August. The regional emissions analysis tests, budgets and baseline emissions inventory will be the same as the one conducted for the *Connected 2045* Update. Conformity will be performed for the 2008 and 2015 ozone standards and 1997 ozone standard, if there any regional significant projects in Jersey County are included in the Conformity Determination. The PM_{2.5} analysis is being done only for Illinois since Missouri has already been re-designated to attainment which revoked conformity requirements.

A motion was made to confirm that January 30, 2019 as the beginning date for the Conformity determination for the FY 2020 – 2023 TIP. The motion was approved.

5. Discussion: Regionally Significant Project Screening Criteria

(18:00) There has been some discussion about roundabouts and if they should be considered regionally significant or as part of Section 93.127, projects exempt from regional analysis. Some of the roundabout projects have been included in conformity for model validation purposes, rather than they are regionally significant. Ms. Shoaib, EWG, said that classifying a roundabout as regionally significant does not sound correct as a regionally significant project is one that adds capacity to a road. Roundabouts are typically found on low volume roads and do not add capacity. It was decided to call out/mention roundabouts in a future amendment of the Regionally Significant Screening Criteria document to show they are exempt from regional analysis, unless otherwise determined by the IACG.

6. Other Business

Mr. Asselmeier, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA), announced that his agency has begun to work on the second ten year maintenance plan for Jersey County for the 1997 ozone standard. EPA Region 5 has indicated that Illinois EPA will have to prepare a motor vehicle emissions budget for Jersey County.

National Transit Institute's Introduction to Transportation Conformity course will be held February 20-22, 2019 here at EWG.

The next meeting of the IACG will be on March 26, 2019. There being no other business, the meeting of the Inter Agency Consultation Group was adjourned.