



EAST-WEST GATEWAY
Council of Governments

Creating Solutions Across Jurisdictional Boundaries

AGENDA
INTER AGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 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. Update on Conformity Determination for Update to *Connected2045*:
Long Range Transportation Plan for the St. Louis Region**

- East-West Gateway Council of Governments

**3. Update on Conformity Determination for the FY 2020 – 2023
Transportation Improvement Program and Related Amendments to
Update to *Connected2045***

- East-West Gateway Council of Governments

4. Other Business

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INTER AGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP
Tuesday, March 26, 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
Buzz Asselmeier – Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Telephone)
Christopher Schmidt – Illinois Department of Transportation
Betsy Tracy – Federal Highway Administration Illinois (Telephone)

Staff:

Mary Grace Lewandowski Jason Lange Peter Koeppel Jennifer Vuitel

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. Introduction to Transportation Conformity Course Review

- East-West Gateway Council of Governments

There were 18 people in attendance and 10 were from EWG. At the end of the course there was a panel discussion made up of people from EWG, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The panel spoke about the EWG region transportation conformity process and the Inter Agency Consultation Group.

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

- East-West Gateway Council of Governments

The list of projects that are to be part of the Update to *Connected2045* has been given to the modelers in order to begin the regional emissions analysis portion of the conformity determination. EWG staff have been working on the conformity determination section of the Update to *Connected2045* document as well as the stand-alone conformity determination document. A regional emissions analysis will be conducted for the 2008 ozone standard maintenance area, the 2015 ozone non-attainment area, and the 1997 PM_{2.5} non-attainment area in Illinois.

Due to the U.S. District Court of Appeals decision in February 2018, Jersey County, IL is considered an orphan area because it was found to be in maintenance (attaining) for the 1997 ozone standard by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and EPA found it to be in

attainment for the 2008 and 2015 ozone standards. The eight-county St. Louis region was found to attain the 1997 standard and to be in non-attainment for the 2008 ozone standard in 2012. To demonstrate conformity to the 1997 standard the following criteria must be met: use of the latest planning assumptions for transportation control measures (TCMs) in an approved State Implementation Plan (SIP), if the SIP had TCMs; meet inter agency and public consultation requirements; timely implementation of any TCMs in an approved SIP, if the SIP had TCMs; and demonstration of fiscal constraint.

For the regionally significant project in Jersey County, IL conformity determination will be done for the 1997 ozone standard. The Illinois Department of Transportation has informed EWG that the U.S. Route 67 Delhi Bypass project is the only regionally significant project to be included in the conformity determination. For this project, the only criteria that must be satisfied are the consultation requirements and fiscal constraint. The SIP that addressed Jersey County did not contain any TCMs.

It is anticipated that a draft for preview will be ready by the end of April, but it will depend on how long the modeling takes before there is a definitive date.

**4. Status Report on the Conformity Determination for the FY 2020-2023
Transportation Improvement Program**
- East-West Gateway Council of Governments

Project applications were due on February 14. As of now, EWG is assisting with the submission of programs from EWG partner agencies. Then local project recommendations will be made by the Transportation Planning Committee to include specific projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The list of recommended projects will be presented to the Executive Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors in May and the draft TIP (and Conformity Determination) is scheduled to be presented to these groups in June. The comment period will be from June 28 – August 5, 2019 along with several open houses throughout the region. The final TIP document (and Conformity Determination) will be presented to the Board at the end of August.

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

In January there was a discussion about roundabouts and where they fit in the screening criteria. The consensus was to consider them a part of section 93.127, falling under the category of intersection channelization projects. A draft of the possible changes to the document were sent out to those on the IACG email list. The changes would include updating the background on what the non-attainment and maintenance status is and adding a section about roundabouts and why they are exempt from the regionally significant projects. There was consensus from the group that the changes be made and the document circulated.

6. Other Business

The next meeting of the IACG will be on May 28, 2019. There being no other business, the meeting of the Inter Agency Consultation Group was adjourned.