



EAST-WEST GATEWAY
Council of Governments

Creating Solutions Across Jurisdictional Boundaries

AGENDA
INTER AGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 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 Mid-Year Conformity Determination

- East-West Gateway Council of Governments
 - o Timeline
 - o Regional Emissions Analysis
 - o Date Conformity Determination Begins

3. Other Business

4. Adjournment

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INTER AGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP
Tuesday, August 27, 2019
Noon – 1:00 P.M.
East-West Gateway Board Room

Members Present:

Carol Lawrence, Chair - East-West Gateway Council of Governments
Mike Henderson - Missouri Department of Transportation
Tom Caldwell – Illinois Department of Transportation
Stacy Allen - Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Betsy Tracy – Federal Highway Administration Illinois (Telephone)
Buzz Asselmeier – Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Telephone)

Staff:

Mary Grace Lewandowski Peter Koeppel Jason Lange Rachael Pawlak Josh Schwenk
Maureen McCarthy

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. 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

The comment period was June 28 to August 5, 2019. There were five open houses with a total of 82 people in attendance. The Board will be acting on this document tomorrow, August 28, 2019, and then it will be sent to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Missouri. Eight exempt Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) projects that were previously included in the FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and conformity determination were also added to the FY 2020-2023 TIP as carry-over projects.

3. Discussion – Need for Mid-Year Conformity Determination/Amendment to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program

- East-West Gateway Council of Governments

At EWG, conformity determinations can be done twice a year, the regular one with Board action in August and a mid-year one with Board action in January. There is one known regionally significant project that will be included in the mid-year conformity determination for the Amendment to FY 2020-2023 TIP. It is a possibility that IDOT will be able to submit their program so they can be included in this mid-year conformity. Once there is a list of the projects and their air quality classifications it will be sent out to the IACG. Modeling will take about five weeks. The IACG will be meeting in October. The 30 day comment period for the mid-year

conformity is still to be determined. The current goal date for Board action on the mid-year conformity is January 30, 2020. The schedule continued to be developed.

The Missouri counties as well as all of Illinois are now identified as attainment/unclassifiable for the 2012 PM_{2.5} standard. Since the region has reached attainment for the 1997 PM_{2.5} standard, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) now considers it to be a maintenance (standard revoked) area. As a result PM hot spot analysis will not have to be performed for long range transportation plans, TIPs or at project level.

4. Other Business – Discussion Items

A. Mid-Point Revision to Applicability Lists for the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Performance Measures – States, MPOs and Pollutants

On August 19, FHWA MO requested that MoDOT review the FHWA Headquarters prepared draft updated list of State Department of Transportations and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), like EWG, who are required to prepare performance measures and targets related to the CMAQ Program. FHWA is reassessing applicability (need to conduct) of this performance measure at the mid-point of the first four-year performance period. According to FHWA, if an area is no longer designated as non-attainment or attainment for a particular pollutant at the October 1, 2019 mid-point, then the State and MPO requirements related to that pollutant and/or measure will be terminated. Comments from state FHWAs were due August 15. Final to be ready around October 1, 2019.

For the St. Louis region, it appears that performance measures and targets will no longer be needed for PM_{2.5} and carbon monoxide (CO) pollutants. For PM_{2.5}, both Missouri and Illinois have been redesignated to attainment of the 1997 standard (considered maintenance). When this occurred, EPA revoked the 1997 PM_{2.5} standard. Area is considered to be maintenance (standard revoked) and performance measure/target is not required. For CO, the City of St. Louis and portion of St. Louis County within I-270 ring attained the CO standard in 1997. EPA approved the first of two 10-year maintenance plans in 1999 and the second in 2015. The maintenance period for this area ended earlier this year. This leaves ozone as the only pollutant requirement performance measure and targets. MoDOT consulted with EWG and MoDNR about the draft document. One typo was found and there was only one necessary correction for the document regarding the year listed as the date of attainment of the CO standard being reached.

Mr. Koeppel, EWG, asked what does this draft revised list mean for CMAQ performance measure analysis and does this mean that next year EWG will be able to drop CO and PM_{2.5} targets. At the end of the second year are to revisit the performance measure targets. Mr. Lange, EWG, added that can continue to track CMAQ project emission estimates for all three pollutants. Mr. Schmidt, IDOT, replied that it seems so but may to wait and see. He added that in the Chicago area to help propel the idea of staying in attainment for PM_{2.5}, MPO has decided to continue to program 25 percent of their CMAQ funding toward PM_{2.5} projects. Mr. Henderson, MoDOT, pointed out that the 25 percent set aside could be done for any project.

B. Using VW Trust Funds as a Match for CMAQ Projects

Ms. Allen, MoDNR, observed that since the VW trust fund is not federal money it could be used as match for CMAQ projects. CMAQ's requirements state that the match for those projects cannot be from the federal government. Those applying for funding from both programs would have to follow the stringent VW Trust rules of vehicle replacement since it is a vehicle replacement program. MoDNR did not receive many applications for VW funding for transit projects in the St. Louis area. The VW program for this category only covers up to 50 percent of the cost for a new vehicle and there were other programs offering more money. Now that there is a chance of receiving funding from both CMAQ and the VW Trust, it is possible that the number of project applications may increase.

Mr. Lange, EWG, pointed that something to keep in mind when applying for CMAQ funding for a transit project is the Buy America Waiver because certain projects may not qualify for that funding. Ms. Allen, MoDNR, said that those projects receiving VW Trust funding are asked to complete their project by June of the following year. The time requirement for VW might make it difficult to also apply for CMAQ funding for the same project.

5. Adjournment

The next meeting of the IACG will be on October 29, 2019. There being no other business, the meeting of the Inter Agency Consultation Group was adjourned.