AGENDA
INTER AGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020
NOON – 1:00 P.M.
EAST-WEST GATEWAY BOARD ROOM

1. Call to Order
   - Carol Lawrence, Chair, East-West Gateway Council of Governments

2. Update on Mid-Year Conformity Determination for Amendment to FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program
   - East-West Gateway Council of Governments

3. Conformity Determination for FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program
   - East-West Gateway Council of Governments
     o Draft Schedule
     o Regional Emissions Analysis
     o Date Conformity Begins

4. Other Business

5. Adjournment
Members Present:
Carol Lawrence, Chair - East-West Gateway Council of Governments
Kevin Jemison – Illinois Department of Transportation
Mike Henderson - Missouri Department of Transportation
Stacy Allen - Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Betsy Tracy – Federal Highway Administration Illinois
Buzz Asselmeier – Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Telephone)
Christopher Schmidt – Illinois Department of Transportation

Staff:
Mary Grace Lewandowski  Jason Lange  Jennifer Vuitel  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 Mid-Year Conformity Determination for Amendment to FY 2020-2023 TIP
   - East-West Gateway Council of Governments

There will be a Mid-Year Conformity Determination. The Amendment to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) so far will include one Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) project. The Governor of Illinois has released the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) project list. Information about these projects will be included in the conformity determination. A draft schedule (as of October 29, 2019) for the Mid-Year Conformity Determination was distributed to the IACG. Modeling takes about five weeks so it is key to make sure that there is enough time built into the schedule for it. A list of the projects and their classifications will be sent out to the IACG for their concurrence. In mid-December, after the modeling is completed, a draft for preview will be sent out. The review period will be two weeks or a little shorter. A 34 day comment period is planned starting in January and ending in February. It has yet to be determined if there will be an open house. Board action is expected to take place in January, with the recommendation being action pending no adverse comments received since the comment period will be underway. After the comment period ends in February the document will be sent to MoDOT and IDOT. The schedule provided at this meeting is currently a best estimation of when things will happen and is subject to change.

Also handed out at this meeting was the regional emissions analysis tables which indicate the ozone maintenance and non-attainment areas that are being looked for the 2008 and 2015 ozone
standards for the different analysis years and the motor vehicle emissions budgets. The proposed regional emissions analysis that has been proposed does not have any changes from the previous one.

A motion was made to declare October 29, 2019 as the start of the conformity determination for the amendment to the TIP. The motion passed.

IDOT was asked to provide EWG with information concerning the regionally significant project in Jersey County. The Delhi Bypass project was in IDOT’s October 2019 Proposed Highway Improvement Program.

3. Other Business – Discussion Items

Applications for Surface Transportation Program – Suballocated (STP-S) and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) program projects to be part of the FY 2021-2024 TIP will be posted on November 8, 2019. Registration is open for project development workshops in Missouri and Illinois in November. Applications for STP-S and CMAQ are due on February 13, 2020. IDOT pointed out that all project sponsors of applications requesting federal or state funds through IDOT will need to pre-register and participate in the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) process. EWG stated that project sponsors are notified by letter whether project has been approved or rejected. IDOT needs to be informed about this.

IDOT Central Office asked if EWG had talked with District 8 about the amount of CMAQ funding that is able to be programmed for the upcoming cycle. There may be more CMAQ funds available. It may be beneficial for EWG, Central Office and District 8 to have a conference call about this.

Earlier this month FHWA released the final Mid-Point revision applicability list for the CMAQ performance measures and targets for states, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and pollutants. Since the air quality status has changed in the St. Louis area, the performance measure requirement has also changed. The East-West Gateway region has attained the 1997 PM$_{2.5}$ standard and when a standard is attained the performance measure requirements are no longer applied (do not have to conduct). Pertaining to CO, the St. Louis (City and that portion of St. Louis County within I-270) maintenance area has reached the end of the twenty year maintenance period which also means that those performance measure requirements are no longer applied to that area.

EWG pointed out that due to attaining the 1997 PM$_{2.5}$ standard and EPA then revoking that standard and the CO maintenance period ending, project-level hot spot conformity analysis requirement does not apply.
4. **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the IACG will be on January 28, 2020. There being no other business, the meeting of the Inter Agency Consultation Group was adjourned.