

AGENDA
INTER AGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP
Tuesday, January 25, 2022
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Virtual Meeting

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- 1. Call to Order**
- Carol Lawrence, East-West Gateway Council of Governments
- 2. FY 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program and Conformity Determination**
- East-West Gateway Council of Governments
- 3. Missouri and Illinois Proposed Maintenance Plans for the 2015 Ozone Standard, Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets, and Future Conformity Determinations**
- General Discussion
- 5. Other Business**
- 6. Adjournment**

Meeting Minutes
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Members

Carol Lawrence – East-West Gateway Council of Governments
Tom Caldwell – Illinois Department of Transportation
Kevin Jemison – Illinois Department of Transportation
Christopher Schmidt – Illinois Department of Transportation
Mike Henderson - Missouri Department of Transportation
Betsy Tracy – Federal Highway Administration, Illinois
Mark Leath – Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Francisco Cortalezzi – Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Matthew Harrell – Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Staff

Mary Grace Lewandowski, Lubna Shoaib, Jennifer Vuitel, Amir Poorfakhraei, Rachael Pawlak, Brad Williams, Maureen McCarthy

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. Conformity Determination and FY 2022 – 2025 Transportation Improvement Program Update

- East-West Gateway

The Regional Emissions Analysis (REA) for the Conformity Determination was completed in early September. Both Missouri and Illinois passed. Jefferson and Monroe Counties were included in this conformity determination due to their redesignation to non-attainment by EPA this summer.

The Governor vetoed Missouri House Bill 661 in July 2021. At the veto session in September the bill was not overridden so the law did not go into effect meaning that Jefferson, Franklin and St. Charles Counties continued to be in the Gateway Vehicle Inspection Program.

The comment period for the draft Conformity Determination ran from September 10th to October 11th and there were no comments about conformity. The Presented for Approval conformity determination document was sent to the Missouri Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) last week so they could advance it to EPA Region 7. The TIP and Conformity Determination are going before the East-West Gateway Board of Directors tomorrow, October 27th, for action.

3. Update on Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets Development Process

- Missouri Department of Natural Resources

The preliminary ozone monitoring data from 2019 – 2021 is showing that all of the monitors within the non-attainment area will attain the 2015 ozone standard. MoDNR has been working with Illinois EPA on moving forward with preparation of maintenance plans and redesignation requests. Part of the maintenance plan is establishing a motor vehicle emission budgets for the Missouri and Illinois Counties. It is anticipated that 2019 will be used as the base year for the emissions inventory. It is likely that will develop a 2019 motor vehicle emissions budgets and that 2035 will be used as the attainment year motor vehicle emissions budgets. MoDNR has been working with Ms. Shoaib at East-West Gateway to see what output from MOVES runs look like and what the anticipated budgets will be. Once the maintenance plan is submitted to EPA, EPA will decide if the budgets are adequate. If they are determined to be adequate then those budgets will need to be used in all future transportation conformity determinations for the 2015 ozone standard for the Missouri side of the region.

Any analysis year between 2019 and 2034 would use the 2019 budgets for a comparison. Any analysis year 2035 or after would use the 2035 budgets. It is important to note that not all of Franklin County is in the non-attainment area for the 2015 standard, just Bowles Township. East-West Gateway has a way to quantify only the emissions from that township. East-West Gateway does not anticipate problems anticipated with the estimated budgets for conformity.

It was learned that Buzz Asselmeier has a contract with Illinois EPA to assist in development of budgets for their respective Maintenance Plan. To get more information, Ms. Shoaib will contact him.

4. Other Business/Adjournment

The next meeting of the IACG will be in January 2022 and will be virtual. There being no other business, the meeting of the Inter Agency Consultation Group was adjourned.