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**AGENDA**

**INTER AGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP**

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

East-West Gateway Board Room and Virtual

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- 1. Call to Order**  
- Carol Lawrence, East-West Gateway Council of Governments
- 2. Update on FY 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program Development**  
- East-West Gateway Council of Governments
- 3. Conformity Determination Update**  
- East-West Gateway Council of Governments
- 4. Status Report on Illinois and Missouri Maintenance Plans and Redesignation Requests**  
- General Discussion
- 5. Other Business**
- 6. Adjournment**

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**Meeting Minutes**  
Inter Agency Consultation Group  
Tuesday, March 29, 2022  
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
Virtual Meeting

Members

Carol Lawrence – East-West Gateway Council of Governments  
Kevin Jemison – Illinois Department of Transportation  
Tom Caldwell – Illinois Department of Transportation  
Christopher Schmidt – Illinois Department of Transportation  
Mike Henderson - Missouri Department of Transportation  
Jed Wolkins – Environmental Protection Agency Region 7  
Francisco Cortalezzi – Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
Matthew Harrell – Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Staff

Mary Grace Lewandowski, Jennifer Vuitel, Marcie Meystrik, 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. Update FY 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program Development**

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East-West Gateway staff are still evaluating project applications received in February. A request for programs has been sent to the Missouri and Illinois Departments of Transportation (MoDOT, IDOT) and those applications are due in early April. The staff will review the applications and provide a list of projects to IACG in May and include information on exempt or regionally significant projects. This will occur after the Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) makes their recommendations. In mid-April the list of new STP-S and CMAQ projects will be sent to EWG modelers. The goal is to start the modeling work next month and have all of the necessary information in order to complete modeling and submit the draft FY 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD) documents to the Board of Directors and the Executive Advisory Committee (EAC) in June. The public comment period will be July 1<sup>st</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Board will take final action on these documents at their August 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.

### **3. Conformity Determination for FY 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program**

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The IACG was sent a table with the draft Regional Emissions Analysis (REA) before the meeting. The plan is to use the same analysis years and budgets as the last AQCD. The IACG also received a write-up proposing how the Missouri I/M inputs for the MOVES model would be addressed. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, vehicles registered in Franklin County will be exempt from the I/M program. In the 2022 Missouri Legislative session, Senate Bill 813 was introduced. This bill would exempt Franklin, Jefferson, and St. Charles Counties from the I/M program. As of now there has not been any action on this legislation since January of 2022. However, the language in SB 813 could be added to other legislation that could be passed before the end of the session in May which is in the middle of the transportation modeling period. EWG wanted to have options for the I/M inputs in order to avoid any delays in producing the AQCD and TIP. The preferred option would be to take the conservative approach, like last year, and have no I/M for Franklin, Jefferson, and St. Charles Counties and have I/M for St. Louis County and the City of St. Louis. The conservative approach modeling would show that the region can pass conformity without the I/M benefit. Last year the timing of the I/M legislation decision was a surprise and gave the EWG modelers double the normal work load with very little time to model the different scenarios and that delayed the REA. At this time we know that I/M in Franklin County will not be in place and deciding on an option now will help EWG to avoid any delays in the conformity schedule. This issue and option was discussed with MoDNR and EPA Region 7 and they did not see a problem with it. The Regional Emissions Analysis should be available at the beginning of June and the draft AQCD will be completed shortly after that. Staff continues to work on the overview section and the Appendices. The draft AQCD will be out for public comment at the same time as the TIP.

A motion was made by Mr. Henderson, MoDOT that the Conformity Determination for the FY 2023-2026 TIP will begin on March 29, 2022. It was seconded by Mr. Jemison of IDOT. The motion passed.

### **4. Other Business/Adjournment**

Rory Davis of Illinois EPA will be sending the proposed motor vehicle budgets for the 2015 Ozone Standard for the Illinois maintenance plan. Modelers at EWG have already received all of the files and information needed in regards to the motor vehicle budgets. He asked if anyone in the IACG would like to have anything besides the budgets included in the email. Any comments will be accepted before this document is made available for public comment.

The Missouri Maintenance Plan and Redesignation Request for the 2015 Ozone Standard will be acted on at the next Missouri Air Conservation Commission meeting on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

EWG staff are still discussing the format of future meetings and the attendance requirements for the members of EWG committees since the EWG staff are returning to the office. Once it is decided we will inform the IACG. The next meeting of the IACG will be on May 24, 2022 and will be in person and virtual. There being no other business, the meeting of the Inter Agency Consultation Group was adjourned.