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**AGENDA**  
**INTER AGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP**  
Tuesday, June 28, 2022  
11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Virtual – GoToMeeting

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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 and Conformity Determination**  
- East-West Gateway Council of Governments
- 3. Other Business**
- 4. Adjournment**

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**Meeting Minutes**  
Inter Agency Consultation Group  
Tuesday, May 24, 2022  
11:45 am – 12:30 pm  
Virtual and In Person Meeting

Members

Carol Lawrence – East-West Gateway Council of Governments  
Kevin Jemison – Illinois Department of Transportation  
Tom Caldwell – Illinois Department of Transportation  
Mike Henderson - Missouri Department of Transportation  
Jed Wolkins – Environmental Protection Agency Region 7  
Francisco Cortalezzi – Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
Ashley Keas – Environmental Protection Agency Region 7  
Rory Davis – Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Staff

Mary Grace Lewandowski, Jennifer Vuitel, Jason Lange, James Fister, 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**  
- East-West Gateway Council of Governments

This is the time of year when EWG staff present the projects new to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the IACG for the review of their air quality classification. We hope to release the project list after Memorial Day. There are a lot of new projects this year. Missouri passed a gas tax last year so new programs are starting to come through. As of now the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has still not released their multi-year plan. If it is not released soon then the EWG Transportation Department will hold off on releasing the list of projects. IDOT does submit their projects to EWG so they can be incorporated into the travel demand modeling, but the list cannot be officially released until the Illinois Governor does so. Once the IACG sees the list of projects they will have some time to review it and the projects will be incorporated into the draft TIP. The draft Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD) and TIP will be presented to the EWG Executive Advisory Committee (EAC) on June 21, and the Board of Directors on June 29, 2022. The public comment period will start on July 1 and end on August 4. There will be several open houses around the region this year but specifics are still being finalized. After the comment period ends any comments received will be incorporated into the final document which will be presented to the EAC on August 23 and the Board on August 31, 2022 for action at their meetings.

### **3. Conformity Determination Update**

- East-West Gateway Council of Governments

Staff have been working to update the overview text and associated appendices of the AQCD. For the regional emissions analysis, the Missouri Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) inputs will not be included in the modeling for Franklin, St. Charles, and Jefferson Counties (no I/M). The I/M inputs will be included for St. Louis County and the City of St. Louis (in I/M program).

Currently the EWG Transportation Department is working on the travel demand modeling and anticipate that the modeling and post-processing should be completed in early June. For the modeling we are using the same years and budgets as we did in the Mid-Year AQCD. A preview draft of the AQCD will likely be available sometime in June.

### **4. Status Report on Illinois and Missouri Maintenance Plans and Redesignation Requests**

- General Discussion

The Missouri redesignation request and Maintenance Plan for the 2015 ozone standard were received by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 on April 8, 2022. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IL EPA) is still working on their Maintenance Plan. Right now, for their maintenance plan Illinois is proposing to have a 2035 budget. This means that for any analysis years before that EWG would need to do a qualitative finding for conformity. At the moment IL EPA is finalizing the Maintenance Plan and Redesignation Request so that it can be released for public notice. Since David Bloomberg is retiring from IL EPA at the end of this month, there are a number of items to address and there has been a bit of a delay.

### **5. Other Business/Adjournment**

Ms. Lawrence stated that in April she had received an email from Tom Caldwell of IDOT about action taken by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Tier Two Committee on how to identify road diet projects as safety projects.

The next meeting of the IACG will be on June 28, 2022 and will be virtual. There being no other business, the meeting of the Inter Agency Consultation Group was adjourned.