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AGENDA
INTER AGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP
Tuesday, January 24, 2023
11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
East-West Gateway and Virtual – GoToMeeting

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- 1. Call to Order**
- Carol Lawrence, East-West Gateway Council of Governments
- 2. Update on Conformity Determination for Connected 2050**
- East-West Gateway Council of Governments
- 3. FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program and Conformity Determination**
- East-West Gateway Council of Governments
- 4. Other Business**
- 5. Adjournment**

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Meeting Minutes
Inter Agency Consultation Group
Tuesday, October 25, 2022
11:45 am – 12:30 pm
East-West Gateway Board Room and Virtual Meeting

Members

Carol Lawrence – East-West Gateway Council of Governments
Kevin Jemison – Illinois Department of Transportation
Francisco Cortalezzi – Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Mike Henderson – Missouri Department of Transportation
Mark Leath – Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Betsy Tracy – Federal Highway Administration IL
Tom Caldwell – Illinois Department of Transportation

Staff

Mary Grace Lewandowski, Lubna Shoaib, Jennifer Vuitel, 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. IDOT Amendment to the FY 2023 – 2026 TIP and Conformity

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The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) requested an amendment to the FY 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Connected 2045 Update and related air quality Conformity Determination. On August 12, 2022 Governor Pritzker officially released the IDOT multi-year program. In September the IACG was sent a memo about this amendment along with a summary of the IDOT program for Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties, which contains 65 projects. There are nine new projects and 56 reprogrammed projects.

The 56 reprogrammed projects were included in the regional emissions analysis performed for the Conformity Determination for the FY 2023 – 2026 TIP and related amendments to Connected 2045 Update, approved August 31, 2022. The nine new projects are considered exempt with regard to air quality so a new conformity determination is not necessary.

The public comment period ran from September 16 through October 17 and no comments were received. The proposed IDOT amendment was a discussion item at the September meetings of East-West Gateway's Executive Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors. The Board is to act on the proposed amendment at their meeting tomorrow, October 26.

3. Conformity Determination for Connected 2050

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Schedule

The schedule for the Conformity Determination portion of Connected 2050 was discussed. It was pointed out that some of these dates can change. Right now project solicitation is underway. When that is completed, staff will begin project evaluation and analysis. Then the travel demand and emissions modeling will take place for the regional emissions analysis portion of the Conformity Determination. Modeling and the Conformity Determination chapter for draft Connected 2050 are scheduled to wrap up in January 2023. The draft standalone Air Quality Conformity Determination document and draft Connected 2050 are to be presented to the EWG Board in March 2023. After that there will be a public comment period and then Board action in June 2023.

Regional Emissions Analysis Elements

The elements of the regional emissions analysis for the upcoming Conformity Determination were reviewed. The analysis years for the regional emissions analysis for the 2008 standard will be 2025, 2030, 2035, 2045 and 2050 (horizon year for the Plan). The tests and motor vehicle emissions budgets will be the same as those used for the most recent regional emissions analysis.

The analysis years for the regional emissions analysis for the 2015 standard are going to be different. Effective November 7, EPA will reclassify (bump up) the St. Louis nonattainment area from marginal to moderate nonattainment. The area, along with other marginal nonattainment areas in the U.S., did not attain the 2015 ozone standard by August 3, 2021. EPA proposed the reclassification rule in April 2022 and issued the final rule in October. Since 2023 is considered the attainment year for moderate nonattainment areas, the 2023 analysis year has to be added to the regional emissions analysis. The analysis years will then be: 2023, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2045 and 2050. The set of analysis years were discussed with the states and confirmed with EPA. Missouri will be using the same budgets as those used in the most recent regional emissions analysis. For the 2023 analysis year, Illinois will need to use the 2008 budget from the Maintenance Plan for the Metro-East St. Louis Ozone Nonattainment Area for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard-hour Attainment Determination Plan (Revised). The other Illinois budgets remain the same.

Files to Use for MOVES3

As required by EPA, certain files have to come from the same sources which were used to develop the budgets. Ms. Shoaib had the MOVES 2014 files from MoDOT and IDOT from the last SIP revision and used the required files from that source. These files include information such as meteorological, fuel data, and VMT data

Previously, the IACG and EPA had agreed to use the representative (proxy) county approach, which is what EWG will continue to do. St. Clair County is used for Illinois and St. Louis and Franklin Counties are used for Missouri. Franklin County is used because it is no longer part of Missouri's Inspection and Maintenance program. The

latest I/M information for Missouri has come from the recent redesignation request. Ms. Shoaib will contact Illinois about the files they would like to use. If those files are not made available, she will use the files from the MOVES2014 budget. Ms. Shoaib is testing MOVES3 by using the data from the last TIP and comparing the results to those from the previous version of MOVES. The emissions rate mode of MOVES3 will be used.

Date CD begins – Motion

Mr. Henderson, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) made a motion that the Conformity Determination for Connect 2050, long range transportation plan for the St. Louis region will begin on October 25, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jemison of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The motion passed.

4. Reclassification of Nonattainment Area and Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets

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As mentioned at AQAC and earlier in this meeting, effective November 7, EPA will reclassify (bump up) St. Louis nonattainment area from marginal to moderate. There will be additional planning and SIP development requirements for the states to carry out. States were asked if there was any insight about budget development which will be part of the moderate SIP requirements (Attainment Demonstration or 15% SIP) and the timing for this development. EWG wanted to start the conversation and see if budget preparation would have an impact on the regional emissions analysis portion of the upcoming conformity determination for FY 2024 – 2027 TIP.

5. Other Business/Adjournment

The process for the development of the FY 2024 – 2027 TIP and related amendments to Connected 2050 will be starting shortly. MO and IL STP-S and CMAQ project workshops are scheduled for November 2022. The Conformity Determination will begin in January 2023 and should be approved by the EWG Board of Directors in August 2023.

During latest comment period we received a comment about wanting more information on the conformity process/modeling elements so individuals could make more informed comments. The EWG staff have been working on a PowerPoint laying out the basics of conformity.

The next meeting of the IACG will be on January 24th, 2023 and will be held in person and virtually. There being no other business, the meeting of the Inter Agency Consultation Group was adjourned.