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Creating Solutions Across Jurisdictional Boundaries

AGENDA

INTER AGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP
Tuesday, March 28, 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. **Conformity Determination for FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program and Related Amendments to Connected 2050**
   - East-West Gateway Council of Governments

4. **Other Business**

5. **Adjournment**

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Meeting Minutes
Inter Agency Consultation Group
Tuesday, January 24, 2023
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
Christopher Schmidt – Illinois Department of Transportation
Nicole Weidenbenner – Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Rory Davis – Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Jason Heitman - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7

Staff
Marcie Meystric, Lubna Shoaib, Rachael Pawlak, Jason Lange, 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 on Conformity Determination for Connected 2050

- East-West Gateway Council of Governments

The schedule has been revised. The project evaluation and selection process is still underway and in turn that pushes back when the modeling for the regional emissions analysis (REA) can be completed. We are anticipating that the standalone draft of the Air Quality Conformity Determination will not be ready when the draft of Connected 2050 is presented to the EAC and Board of Directors in March. Everything but the data from the REA will be ready by then. Anticipate that the standalone draft will be ready in April 2023 before the start of the public comment period. The date for Board approval is June 28th.

None of the REA components have changed. Conformity still must be done for the 2008 ozone standard maintenance area and the 2015 ozone standard nonattainment area. On the next page are tables showing the REA for the 2008 and 2015 standards for Connected 2050. The year 2023 is an analysis year for the 2015 ozone standard REA because it is the attainment year for moderate nonattainment areas. The Connected 2050 horizon year is 2050 so it will also be used as an analysis year.

2008 Ozone Standard REA

Missouri - 5 County Maintenance Area (US tons per day)				
Analysis Years	Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)		Oxides of Nitrogen (NO_x)	
	Action	2015 Budget	Action	2015 Budget
2025		32.70		76.70
	Action	2030 Budget	Action	2030 Budget
2030		22.00		40.00
2035		22.00		40.00
2045		22.00		40.00
2050		22.00		40.00

Illinois - 3 County Maintenance Area (US tons per day)				
Analysis Years	Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)		Oxides of Nitrogen (NO_x)	
	Action	2025 Budget	Action	2025 Budget
2025		5.68		15.22
	Action	2030 Budget	Action	2030 Budget
2030		9.05		16.68
2035		9.05		16.68
2045		9.05		16.68
2050		9.05		16.68

2015 Ozone Standard REA

Missouri - 4 County & 1 Township Nonattainment Area (US tons per day)				
Analysis Years	Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)		Oxides of Nitrogen (NO_x)	
	Action	2015 Budget	Action	2015 Budget
2023		32.70		76.70
2025		32.70		76.70
	Action	2030 Budget	Action	2030 Budget
2030		22.00		40.00
2035		22.00		40.00
2045		22.00		40.00
2050		22.00		40.00

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Illinois - 3 County Nonattainment Area (US tons per day)				
Analysis Years	Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)		Oxides of Nitrogen (NO_x)	
	Action	2008 Budget	Action	2008 Budget
2023		17.27		52.57
		2025 Budget		2025 Budget
2025		5.68		15.22
	Action	2030 Budget	Action	2030 Budget
2030		9.05		16.68
2035		9.05		16.68
2045		9.05		16.68
2050		9.05		16.68

In October staff described how they worked with Missouri on the MOVES3 input files. In early January the input files intend to use for Illinois were sent to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) with request for comments. As of today, no comments or adjustments have been received. Modeling cannot take place until there is a project list.

3. FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program and Conformity Determination

- East-West Gateway Council of Governments

Schedule

The schedule for the Conformity Determination portion of FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was discussed. It was pointed out that some of these dates can change. Right now local sponsor project solicitation is underway and the applications are due by February 9th. When that is completed, staff will begin project evaluation and analysis. Partner projects are due in April. Then the travel demand and emissions modeling will take place for the REA portion of the Conformity Determination between April and June. Staff will be meeting in February to finalize details.

The draft standalone Air Quality Conformity Determination document and draft FY 2024 -2027 TIP will be presented to the EWG Board in June 2023. After that there will be a public comment period from June 30th to August 2nd. Board action will be at the end of August. A preview draft will be sent out to the IACG in early June. The presented for approval conformity determination will be sent to the Federal Highway Administration ahead of the Board action so they can send it on to EPA Region 7.

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 Connected 2050 REA.

As with Connected 2050, the analysis years for the REA for the 2015 standard are going to be different. Since 2023 is considered the attainment year for moderate nonattainment areas, the 2023 analysis year has to be added. 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. REA for Missouri will be using the same budgets as those used in the most recent regional emissions analysis. For the 2023 analysis year for the Illinois side, 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.

4. Other Business/ Adjournment

Last year East-West Gateway received a comment about wanting more information on the conformity determination process so individuals can make more informed comments in the future. Staff has been working on a PowerPoint presentation that explains the basics of the conformity process. The presentation will explain: the purpose of

conformity; description of ozone and the health effects; the 2008 and 2015 ozone standards and why conformity is done for both; and then the process of conformity. Currently considering different ways to present the results of the REA.

This presentation is still being developed but the draft can be shared with IACG. Please let us know if there are any questions or comments about the contents or format of this presentation.

East-West Gateway would like to make sure that the states include them in their motor vehicle emissions budgets development process.

The next IACG meeting will be on Tuesday, March 28th, 2023. There being no other business the meeting was concluded.