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AGENDA

INTER AGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP

Tuesday, August 29, 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. FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Determination Update**
- East-West Gateway Council of Governments
- 3. Illinois Department of Transportation Amendment to FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program**
- East-West Gateway Council of Governments
- 4. Draft Revision to Regionally Significant Projects Screening Criteria Document**
- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
- 5. Other Business**
- 6. Adjournment**

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Meeting Minutes
Inter Agency Consultation Group
Tuesday, June 27, 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
Mike Henderson – Missouri Department of Transportation
Mark Leath – Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Tom Caldwell – Illinois Department of Transportation
Rory Davis – Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Jason Heitman - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7
Dan Weitkamp – Federal Highway Administration, Missouri
Alicia Daniels
Francisco Cortalezzi – Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Staff

Mary Grace Lewandowski, Jason Lange, Rachael Pawlak, Saranya Konala, Maureen McCarthy, Alex Hartig

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 the Connected 2050

The Air Quality Conformity Determination and Connected 2050 will be brought to the Board of Directors for action tomorrow, June 28th. During the comment period that ended on June 7th East-West Gateway received 29 in-person surveys and 25 electronic surveys with comments on Connected 2050 and there were no comments concerning the conformity determination. Last week the Presented for Approval version of the conformity determination document was sent to FHWA Missouri so they could send it on to EPA Region 7.

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

The list of new projects with their air quality classifications was sent out to IACG on June 12th and did not include the IDOT projects as they have not been released by the Governor. The regional emissions analysis was completed on June 23rd and the region passed for the 2008 and 2015 ozone standards. East-West Gateway is working to have the draft for public comment posted by the comment period which begins on June 30th and runs through August 2nd. There

will be five open houses across the region in July. The conformity determination and TIP will be presented for approval at the Board meeting in August.

4. Development of the Illinois Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets – Discussion

- Rory Davis, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

IEPA has provided East-West Gateway with their 2023 motor vehicle emission budgets and contingency budgets prepared for the **A**ttainment **D**emonstration plan, which they are going to present for public comment in the near future. East-West Gateway will share the Illinois budgets with the IACG group and ask that comments be sent to Mr. Davis.

5. Other Business/ Adjournment

MoDNR released their St. Louis Moderate Non-Attainment Area Plan for public comment yesterday. It does include a new 2023 motor vehicle emissions budgets which will be used in transportation conformity sometime in the future for the Missouri side of the non-attainment area. It also includes a contingency plan which would kick in if the non-attainment area does not attain the standard by the 2024 attainment deadline. Many ways the states have traditionally done the contingency plans are no longer being allowed by EPA. For the **A**ttainment **D**emonstration plan, MoDNR will utilize the 2023r budget of mobile source emissions but one strategy of the contingency plan would be to reduce the amount of the safety margin that was added to the budgets. If the contingency plan is triggered, the new motor vehicle emission budget for 2024 would drop to 18.07 tons per day (TPD) from 20 for VOC and 43.47 tpd for NO_x from 46 tpd. The idea is that if the EPA determines that Missouri didn't obtain the standard by the deadline then those budgets would automatically come into place in 2024 and any year after.

MoDNR will be having a public hearing on July 27th and the public comment period will close on August 3rd.

The next IACG meeting will be on Tuesday, August 29th, 2023. There being no other business the meeting was concluded.