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AGENDA

INTER AGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP

Tuesday, October 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 IDOT Amendment to FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program**
- East-West Gateway Council of Governments
- 3. Release of MOVES4**
- East-West Gateway Council of Governments
- 4. Other Business**
- 5. Adjournment**

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Meeting Minutes
Inter Agency Consultation Group
Tuesday, August 29, 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
Tom Caldwell – Illinois Department of Transportation
Jason Heitman - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7
Dan Weitkamp – Federal Highway Administration, Missouri
Alicia Daniels – Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Francisco Cortalezzi – Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Betsy Tracy – Federal Highway Administration, Illinois
Nicole Weidenbenner – Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Cecelie Cochran – Federal Highway Administration, Missouri

Staff

Mary Grace Lewandowski, Jennifer Vuitel, Jason Lange, Rachael Pawlak, Lubna Shoaib, 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. FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Determination Update

During the public comment period for the FY 2024 – 207 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD), East-West Gateway received eight comments, seven pertaining to the TIP and one about air quality. The comment on the Air Quality Conformity Determination was about how East-West Gateway should reduce vehicle miles traveled in the region. The AQCD and the TIP will be presented to the Board of Directors tomorrow for approval. After board approval, the TIP and Conformity Determination will be sent to the Missouri Department of Transportation.

Last week, EWG sent the Presented for Approval AQCD to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Missouri and asked that the pdf be sent on to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7. That way, EPA can have a head start on their review. Ms. Shoaib, EWG, reported that EPA Region 7 had requested a copy of the MOVES files EWG used. Mr.

Henderson, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), said that he will send them to the Governor's office as soon as he receives Board-approved AQCD and TIP.

3. Illinois Department of Transportation Amendment to FY 2024 -2027 Transportation Improvement Program

- East-West Gateway Council of Governments

The draft TIP did not include the new projects from the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) program. 14 Illinois projects were included in the August Presented for Approval TIP draft, which had already been modeled. These projects are scheduled to be let in January 2024. On July 7, the Illinois governor released the IDOT program shortly after the start of the public comment period. There are 79 new projects in the IDOT program. There were nine regionally significant projects in the IDOT program that were already included in the regional emissions analysis portion of the AQCD because IDOT had informed EWG of program specifics. The comment period for the IDOT Amendment to the FY 2024 – 207 TIP will be from September 1 to October 4, with Board action in October. The Inter Agency Consultation Group was sent the list of projects and their air quality classification in August.

4. Draft Revision to Regionally Significant Projects Screening Criteria Document

- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

In 2012, the IACG put together screening criteria to identify regionally significant projects for the regional emissions analysis. The new revisions are limited to the introduction section of the document and update the current ozone, PM_{2.5}, and carbon monoxide air quality designations for the St. Louis region. They do not affect the criteria or process.

The last revision to this document was done in 2019 and included roundabouts as exempt projects.

5. Other Business/ Adjournment

Last week, Rory Davis from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) called and said that Illinois is making adjustments to its 2023 motor vehicle emissions budgets and contingency budgets. The budgets will be slightly higher by a few tons. This is the result of the recalculation of the emissions reductions coming from on-road and off-road mobile sources for the budget development for the Chicago area to satisfy the requirements of the reasonable further progress element. No new modeling was performed, and the model output remained the same. It was decided to apply the same process to the Metro East budgets.

The next IACG meeting will be on Tuesday, October 24, 2023. There being no other business, the meeting was concluded.