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AGENDA
INTER AGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP
Tuesday, January 30, 2024
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 2025 – 2028 Transportation Improvement Program and Conformity Determination**
- East-West Gateway Council of Governments
- 3. Proposed Foreword to the 2013 CO and PM_{2.5} “Hot-Spot” Analysis Considerations for the Project Sponsors Document**
- East-West Gateway Council of Governments
- 4. Other Business**
- 5. Adjournment**

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Meeting Minutes
Inter Agency Consultation Group
Tuesday, October 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
Mike Henderson – Missouri Department of Transportation
Tom Caldwell – Illinois Department of Transportation
Alicia Daniels – Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Francisco Cortalezzi – Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Nicole Weidenbenner – Missouri Department of Natural Resources
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Staff

Mary Grace Lewandowski, Marcie Meystriick, Jason Lange, Rachael Pawlak, Lubna Shoaib, Maureen McCarthy, Alex Hartig, Christie Holland

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 IDOT’s Amendment to the FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program

The August Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Amendment to the FY 2024 – 2027 TIP went out for public comment in September. No comments were received. Information in this amendment was released after the comment period for the conformity determination and TIP began in June. The amendment will be presented for approval to the Board of Directors tomorrow. Once the amendment is approved, it can be added to the STIP.

3. Release of MOVES4

- East-West Gateway Council of Governments

EPA released MOVES4 in September 2023. There is a two-year grace period before it has to be used in the regional emissions analysis for conformity determination. This is a major update to the MOVES software and it indicates a major update to the underlying emissions inventory that EPA uses for their development. The update also includes projected increase use of alternative fuel types, such as electric and battery. EPA and FHWA are planning to hold workshops for both old and new users to provide any assistance in utilizing the updated version of MOVES.

4. Upcoming Local Transportation Funding Opportunities
- Alex Hartig, East-West Gateway Council of Governments

East-West Gateway will have a call for projects for the STP-S, CMAQ, and CRP funding programs. The application period begins on November 3rd, 2023. East-West Gateway will host three project development workshops for potential local sponsors on November 8th, 13th, and 16th to provide information on the funding programs, including eligibility and requirements. The applications are due by 4:00 pm on February 8th, 2024. East-West Gateway staff will present the local projects recommended for funding to the Gateway Board of Directors in May 2024.

5. Other Business/ Adjournment

Wanted to let the IACG know that there is a proposed TIP amendment coming up in January 2024. Jefferson County received funding from Missouri for improvements to roadways in Crystal City related to the new James Hardie manufacturing plant on the former site of the Festus Memorial Airport. Approximately 250 jobs will be created. The improvements include the reconstruction of VFW Road, Airport Road, and Charter Church Road. A new North Access Road will be built to connect the manufacturing plant to VFW Road. The North Access Road will provide access for raw materials brought into the plant. A new South Access Road will be built to connect the manufacturing plant to Calvary Church Road. The South Access Road will provide access for product leaving the plant. The intersection improvements consist of adding turn lanes. Employees and visitors will use the existing Airport Rd to access the plant. This project will be considered not regionally significant since the new roads are less than one mile in length and serve as local access for deliveries.

The next meeting of the IACG will be in January 2024. There being no other business, the meeting of the IACG was adjourned.