

Interagency Consultation Committee Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2008

■ Attendees

A listing of attendees is included as Attachment A.

■ 2.0 Minutes Approval

- The revised meeting minutes from 9/4/2008 were approved.
- The meeting minutes from 10/2/2008 were approved.

■ 3.0 Summary of Discussion

Below is a summary of the topics of discussion at the ICC meeting.

3.1 Amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Melissa Taylor, Director of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County/North Georgia (CHCNGA) Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), reviewed two previously circulated TIP Amendments on the Enterprise South Parkway project and a safety lighting project. She also discussed an additional TIP amendment for a signal improvement project in the City of East Ridge at Camp Jordan Parkway and Ringgold Road. She explained that the change is related to the funding source since the increased price of the project required some costs to be paid by the City of East Ridge. She received concurrence on all three TIP amendments.

3.2 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Schedule Update

Keli Paul, Cambridge Systematics (CS), reviewed the 2035 LRTP Schedule, which was revised since the last ICC meeting to reflect the revised due date discussed at the last ICC meeting. She noted that while the final approval date for the CDR is March 2010, the large amount of review time build into the schedule results in the first draft of the LRTP being completed in mid-August 2009. She also noted the four public workshops listed on the schedule for November and current work by the RPA to update the socioeconomic data to the year 2007 for the model. She noted that the first of four model certification submittals to TDOT has occurred. The next submittal will include socioeconomic assumptions and the model networks. The schedule also has been revised to include an amendment cycle for four projects listed in the circulated table entitled "Projects Requiring an Amendment to the Current 2030 LRTP/FY '08-'11 TIP CDR." Tim Kassa, GDOT, asked about a cost change for the Catoosa County, GA project listed in the table, and it was decided to coordinate this issue offline. Angie Midgett, TDOT, asked about the termini of the SR 317 project listed in the table, and it was decided to coordinate this issue offline also. Ms. Midgett also asked about the length of time represented by each block on the schedule and Keli Paul responded that each block represents 15 days and that two green blocks together represent a 30 day review period. Finally, it was determined to revise the schedule to include the TPO Board and Executive Committee in the line item entitled "Draft CDR Document Submitted to ICC (incl. TDOT/GDOT) for Review."

3.3 Review of Project Listings and Maps

Keli Paul, CS, explained the two tables and the four accompanying maps that make up project listings for the LRTP. The first table and items shown in blue on the maps represent projects constructed between 2001 and 2007 that will be used to update the 2000 travel demand model to a 2007 travel demand model. The second table and items shown in red represent projects programmed to complete construction between 2008-2011 that will be used to develop the Existing-Plus-Committed (E+C) travel demand model. Tim Kassa, GDOT, noted that there are two projects listed in Walker County that fall outside the TPO boundary, but inside the nonattainment area. Keli Paul responded that those projects will not be included in the travel demand model, but during further discussion it was clarified that they are included in the off-network estimates for emissions inventory purposes and should be included in the appendix of the Conformity Determination Report (CDR) for the 2035 LRTP. It was announced that concurrence will occur ten days from today (11/6/2008) if ICC participants do not raise other issues before then.

3.4 Update on Draft Planning Assumptions Documentation-2035 LRTP Conformity Analysis

Keli Paul, CS, said that David Kall, CS, has been working with Jon Morton, GA EPD, and Marc Corrigan, TDEC to complete a set of emissions factors. David Kall added that he reviewed previous MOBILE input files, made several small corrections regarding fuel Reid vapor pressure (RVP) and sulfur values, and created new MOBILE input files for Jackson County, AL. He noted that Jon Morton and Marc Corrigan reviewed the final emission factors and found no problems with them. Keli Paul asked if the entire ICC would like to review the emissions factors, but it was decided that a review of the Draft Planning Assumptions that go into the MOBILE inputs would be sufficient. It was decided that this review would occur later when the Draft Planning Assumptions document is complete with other items, such as VMT adjustment factors.

3.5 Status of PM_{2.5} SIP

Diana Smith, EPA Region 4, provided an update on the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) legal action that has been affecting the PM_{2.5} State Implementation Plans (SIPs). She explained that on October 21, 2008 the court sent petitioners a court order to answer two questions: (1) whether any party is seeking to vacate the Clean Air Interstate Rule, and (2) whether the court should stay its mandate until Respondent promulgates a revised rule. She noted that the order allowed 15 days for the petitioners to respond. After the meeting, she sent an email to the ICC with the full text of the court order. Errol Reksten, Chattanooga Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau, noted that PM_{2.5} monitoring keeps showing levels going down and they believe they can attain the standard soon. He said that they have not submitted a PM_{2.5} SIP. Diana Smith said the EPA still expects SIPs to be submitted. There was no new information on Jackson County, AL.

3.6 Revised 24-Hour PM_{2.5} Standard

Diana Smith, EPA Region 4, noted that final designations for the Revised 24-Hour PM_{2.5} Standard will be made December 18, 2008, and that Chattanooga will not be affected by the revised standard.

■ 4.0 Other Topics of Discussion

Diana Smith noted a new lead standard that went into place October 15, 2008. It lowers the acceptable level from 1.5 to 0.15 micrograms per cubic meter. There will be 200 monitors placed in urban areas around the country. Errol Reksten noted that there will probably be one monitor placed in Hamilton County, TN.

Diana Smith also noted that the planned release of the beta version of MOVES for Fall 2008 has been pushed back to Fall 2009. The official version of MOVES that can be used for SIPs and conformity

determinations is planned to be released at the end of 2009. She also noted that there will be a MOVES training session on November 19, 2008 in Atlanta, GA.

■ 5.0 Recap of Action Items and Discussion of Next Steps

- RPA to follow up with City of Chattanooga and Hamilton County on Enterprise South projects
- RPA to follow up with Catoosa County and GDOT on the SR 151 project
- RPA/CS to add review by the TPO Board and Executive Committee to the schedule
- RPA/CS to review off-model areas of Walker County for non-exempt projects that should be included in emissions analysis for the donut portion of the nonattainment area for the 2035 LRTP
- EPA to send out CAIR court order
- All ICC members to provide comments on 2007 and E+C non-exempt project listings and maps within 10 days of ICC meeting. A lack of comments will be treated as concurrence with the project listings.

■ 6.0 Adjournment

Ms. Taylor thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting.

**Attachment A - List of Attendees
November 6, 2008**

Last Name	First Name	Organization	Present		Absent
			In Person	Via Phone	
Howard	Chris	Alabama Department of Environment Management - Air Division			X
Hurst	Dale	Alabama Department of Environment Management - Air Division			X
Couch	Bill	Alabama DOT			X
Doolin	Jim	Alabama DOT			X
Harris	Johnny	Alabama DOT			X
Jordan	Vic	Alabama DOT		X	
Mehta	Pritesh	Alabama DOT			X
Dugan	Tom	CARTA			X
Veron	Jill	CARTA			X
Clark	Bill	Catoosa County Commission Chairman			X
Meadows	J. Olney	Catoosa County Public Works Director			X
Colby	Bob	Chattanooga Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau			X
Reksten	Errol	Chattanooga Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau		X	
Robertson	Kathy	Chattanooga Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau			X
Taylor	Melissa	Chattanooga Hamilton County TPO	X		
Bennett	Barry	Chattanooga Hamilton County TPO			X
Hoff	R. C.	Chattanooga Hamilton County TPO			X
Phillips	Sylvia	Chattanooga Hamilton County TPO			X
Knowles	Alma	Chattanooga Hamilton County TPO			X
Leach	Steve	City of Chattanooga			X
Littlefield	Ron	City of Chattanooga			X

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Payne	Bill	City of Chattanooga			X
Clemmer	Dean	Coosa Valley RDC			X
Smith	Dianna	Environmental Protection Agency - Region 4		X	
Wood	Amanetta	Environmental Protection Agency - Region 4			X
Andrews	Clint	Federal Highway Administration - Alabama Division			X
Harris	David	Federal Highway Administration - Alabama Division			X
O'Neil	Charles	Federal Highway Administration - Tennessee Division			X
Otero	Victor	Federal Highway Administration - Tennessee Division			X
Edwards	Andrew	Federal Highway Administration: Georgia Division			X
Jones	Latoya	Federal Highway Administration Georgia Division			X
Davis	Cornelius	Federal Highway Administration: Georgia Division		X	
Rivera	Abigail	Federal Transit Administration - Region 4			X
Immings	Myra	Federal Transit Administration - Region 4			X
Kassa	Tim	Georgia DOT		X	
Cook	Cora	Georgia DOT		X	
Bradley	Mike	Georgia DOT		X	
Edwards	Tyrhonda	Georgia DOT			X
Peevy	Phillip	Georgia DOT		X	
Kassa	Habte	Georgia DOT		X	
Hazelbaker	Quint	Georgia DOT			X

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Johnston	Jimmy	Georgia Environmental Protection Division - Air Protection Branch			X
Kelly	Jim	Georgia Environmental Protection Division - Air Protection Branch			X
Morton	Jon	Georgia Environmental Protection Division - Air Protection Branch		X	
Aponte	Dania	Georgia Regional Transportation Authority			X
Leach	Steve	Hamilton County	X		
Leamon	Todd	Hamilton County	X		
Ramsey	Claude	Hamilton County			X
Corrigan	Marc	Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation		X	
Lowe	Vicki	Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation			X
Cole	Ed	Tennessee DOT			X
Comer	Ralph	Tennessee DOT			X
Fleming	Deborah	Tennessee DOT			X
Jones	Alan	Tennessee DOT			X
Hughen	Wes	Tennessee DOT			X
Medlin	Scott	Tennessee DOT			
Midgett	Angela	Tennessee DOT MPO		X	
Stevens	Jeanne	Tennessee DOT Long Range PL			X
McAdoo	Mark	Tennessee DOT Environmental		X	
Shaw	Paula	Tennessee DOT Transit			X
Coleman	George	Tennessee DOT Multimodal		X	
Heiskell	Bebe	Walker County Commission Chairman			X
Ashburn	David	Walker County Director of Emergency Services			X
Paul	Keli	Cambridge Systematics		X	
Clymer	Tracy	Cambridge Systematics			X
Kall	David	Cambridge Systematics		X	

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