

Interagency Consultation Committee Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2008

■ Attendees

A listing of attendees is included as Attachment A.

■ 2.0 Minutes Approval

- A revision was made to correct sections 3.3 and 3.4 of the 9/4/2008 meeting minutes. These were revised to reflect the fact that Bob Colby from Chattanooga Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau, not TDEC, replied to the questions being asked.
- The meeting minutes from 9/4/2008 were approved with the above revision.

■ 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 Transportation Planning Organization, asked for and received concurrence on a finding of “no impact” to conformity on a request to remove LRTP 21e from the project limits/description for Enterprise South Parkway that originally included LRTP 21b and 21e. See Technical Memorandum from Melissa Taylor dated September 25, 2008 for more details.

3.2 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Schedule Update

Melissa Taylor noted current work on the travel demand model and socioeconomic assumptions by internal staff and the consultant. Tracy Clymer, CS, noted the current due date of the Draft LRTP as February 2009 and adoption of the LRTP as June 2009. She informed the group that the TPO has been reviewing the June 2009 deadline against planning regulations to assess if there was more time to update the LRTP, and noted that this has been an ongoing discussion with planning partners since the last ICC meeting. Angela Midgett, Tennessee DOT, replied that after a discussion with the FHWA it was discovered that there was a mistake in the due date provided to the TPO, and that a conformity determination for the 2035 LRTP update is not required until March 2010, based on the fact that the last conformity determination was made in March 2006. Melissa Taylor noted that Tennessee DOT could make project amendments to the current LRTP in the interim period if needed. Angela Midgett requested a revised timeline for LRTP schedule based on the new March 2010 conformity determination date, and said that she would forward onto Melissa Taylor the email from FHWA confirming the LRTP update deadline.

Wes Hughen, Tennessee DOT, asked if pushing back the adoption of the LRTP from June 2009 to March 2010 will affect the SR317 connector project. Tracy Clymer replied that you can process an amendment to the current 2030 LRTP while simultaneously completing the 2035 LRTP update. Melissa Taylor noted that it takes about 2-3 months to process an amendment.

Keli Paul, CS, noted that the revised schedule may allow time to incorporate a transit mode choice component to the travel demand model. CARTA is currently planning an on-board survey during the spring of 2009, which could potentially be used for the transit mode choice component.

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

Tracy Clymer, CS, provided an update on changes to the planning assumptions documentation. She noted that the mode choice component had been dropped due to schedule constraints, but that it could be added back in if the new schedule accommodates that. Also, Section 3 was updated with more details provided by Jon Morton, Georgia Environmental Protection Division. The one outstanding item that still needs to be updated is the VMT adjustment factors section, which will be filled in once the 2007 model network is run to provide the factors.

Tracy Clymer noted that Jon Morton provided a set of emission factors that David Kall, CS, will be working with. She asked for an emission factor contact person at TDEC and Chattanooga Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau. Marc Corrigan was designated as the TDEC contact person and Errol Reksten was designated as the Chattanooga Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau contact person.

3.4 Review of Project Listings and Maps

Keli Paul, CS, noted that CS received project listings from the TPO and is currently reviewing them. Once the project listings and maps are complete they will be sent to the ICC for review. ICC will have 10 days to review the project listings and maps. Melissa Taylor emphasized that no response within the 10-day period suggests concurrence.

3.5 Status of PM2.5 SIP

Bob Colby, Chattanooga Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau, noted that there is little change in the status of the PM2.5 SIP due to continuing CAIR legal action. The latest on the CAIR legal action is that EPA filed a petition for a rehearing with the DC Circuit Court.

3.6 Revised 24-Hour PM2.5 Standard

Dianna Smith, USEPA Region 4, noted that nothing has changed on the Revised 24-Hour PM2.5 Standard, but reiterated that final designations under the revised standard are scheduled for December 2008.

■ 4.0 Other Topics of Discussion

Habte Kassa, Georgia DOT, noted that 2007 Georgia traffic counts are now available. He will send them to Cambridge Systematics for use in the model.

Jon Morton, Georgia EPD, asked if there was any update on the Notice of Failure to Submit the SIP. Diana Smith replied that there was not.

■ 5.0 Recap of Action Items and Discussion of Next Steps

- CS to revise 2035 LRTP schedule to reflect new March 2010 conformity determination date.
- CS to compile 2035 E+C project listing and maps, to be sent to ICC for 10-day review.
- Angela Midget to forward to Melissa Taylor FHWA email confirming LRTP Update deadline.

■ 6.0 Adjournment

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

**Attachment A - List of Attendees
September 4, 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
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
Payne	Bill	City of Chattanooga			X

Last Name	First Name	Organization	Present		
			In Person	Via Phone	Absent
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			
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
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		X	
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
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	