

Interagency Consultation Committee Meeting Minutes – September 4, 2008

■ Attendees

A list of attendees is included as Attachment A.

■ 2.0 Minutes Approval

The meeting minutes from 6/5/2008 were approved.

■ 3.0 Summary of Discussion

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

3.1 Schedule for 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan

Keli Paul, Cambridge Systematics (CS), discussed the schedule for completing the Chattanooga TPO 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update. She noted that the schedule is very tight. Angela Midgett, Tennessee DOT, asked about submittal of model data to TDOT for approval. Keli Paul responded that there are two items on the schedule for submittal of model assumptions and data in September 2008 to ensure TDOT can review model assumptions and data as early in the process as possible, and that complete (final) model documentation will be submitted in March 2009.

3.2 Review of Draft Planning Assumptions Documentation-2035 LRTP Conformity Analysis

Tracy Clymer, CS, reviewed the planning assumptions that are proposed to be used for the 2035 LRTP conformity analysis. She explained that the documentation being presented is in draft form, and will be revised over the next month based on feedback from ICC. She provided a brief introduction to the current Chattanooga nonattainment status and then highlighted planning assumptions that are different from those used for the previous conformity determination. These included updates to the travel demand model from the last LRTP including a 2007 base year (instead of 2000), an added mode choice component, and integration of new socioeconomic conditions. She noted that most of the MOBILE air quality model assumptions will stay the same, but would be reviewed closely with ICC partners, in particular GA EPD as Jon Morton, GA EPD, developed the latest set of emission factors for GA, TN, and AL as part of the 2009 PM2.5 budget development. Marc Corrigan, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), asked if these planning assumptions are in line with the ones used in the State Implementation Plan (SIP). Emission factors are consistent, but travel model assumptions are being updated to incorporate latest available data.

3.3 Status of PM2.5 SIP Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget (MVEB)

Tracy Clymer asked about the status of the PM2.5 SIP for the Chattanooga nonattainment area, which was to be submitted to USEPA by April 2009. [Bob Colby, Chattanooga Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau](#), replied that the SIP has not been officially submitted yet, and that a hearing is scheduled in the next

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month on the transportation portion of the SIP. The Georgia portion is not yet complete, and the Alabama portion will be in line with the Tennessee portion. The Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) was relied upon for the SIP attainment demonstration. (Note that GA EPD commented that all states in the southeast relied on CAIR as part of modeled attainment demonstrations.) Because this rule was vacated by the courts and EPA is planning to challenge the decision to vacate, USEPA will be unable to act on any SIPs that are submitted to them until all legal challenges are settled. US EPA has requested SIPs still be submitted, regardless of their inability to act/approve them at this time. Tracy Clymer replied that since it is unlikely that Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets (MVEB) will be available from an approved SIP in time for the 2035 LRTP conformity analysis, the default interim test of no-greater-than-base-year (2002) will be used. However, she noted that a 2009 analysis year has been added to be pro-active in case a SIP is approved.

3.4 Revised 24-Hour PM2.5 Standard

Tracy Clymer noted that based on most recent monitoring data and correspondence between TN and USEPA that it did not appear as if Chattanooga would be designated as nonattainment under the revised 24-hour PM2.5 standard. She asked for concurrence on this from ICC and USEPA. Chattanooga is expected to meet the revised standard, and is not expected to be designated nonattainment. Final designations under the revised standard will be issued in December 2008 with a 90 day effective date. [Bob Colby](#) also noted that Chattanooga intends to apply for attainment/maintenance status under the current annual PM2.5 by the end of the year.

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3.5 Jackson County, AL Nonattainment Status

Keli Paul asked for a status update on Jackson County, AL, nonattainment status. This item is being addressed as part of the PM2.5 SIP submittal, and therefore will have no impact for the 2035 LRTP update. The intent was to find Jackson County, AL transportation emissions insignificant, but that can not happen until a resolution with the CAIR occurs.

3.6 Amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Melissa Taylor, Director of the Chattanooga Transportation Planning Organization, asked for and received concurrence to designate a safety lighting project as exempt, so that the TIP amendment associated with the project can proceed without a conformity determination.

■ 4.0 Other Topics of Discussion

There were no other topics of discussion.

■ 5.0 Recap of Action Items and Discussion of Next Steps

- RPA/CS to revise planning assumptions document
- RPA/CS to compile 2035 E+C project listing and maps
- RPA/CS to provide 2007 and 2035 socioeconomic data control totals for ICC review
- RPA/CS to provide preliminary modeling data/documentation to TDOT
- Keep SIP updates as an agenda item for upcoming meetings

■ 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
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
Clemmer	Dean	Coosa Valley RDC			X

Last Name	First Name	Organization	Present		Absent
			In Person	Via Phone	
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	GDOT			X
Johnston	Jimmy	Georgia Environmental Protection Division - Air			X

Last Name	First Name	Organization	Present		Absent
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		Protection Branch			
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	
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
Roache	Jerry	Tennessee DOT Multimodal PL		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	