

## CHATTANOOGA INTERAGENCY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES – April 7, 2016

#### 1. Attendees

A listing of attendees is included in Attachment A.

#### 2. Approval of March 3, 2016 Minutes

There were no questions or comments and the March 3, 2016 minutes were approved.

#### 3. Conformity Determination Report Document

Ms. Betsy Evans from the TPO stated she sent the draft document out to the group 2 weeks ago and that she has received several comments, most of which have been updated already. She stated once she addresses all the comments she will send the corrected document back out to the group. Mr. David Kall from Cambridge Systematics briefly reviewed the new conformity determination report document he prepared; he noted the changes that were made from the last CDR document. Mr. Marc Corrigan stated that “amendment” should be removed from the title page since this is a new document, not an amendment. Mr. Corrigan also stated that the baseline test numbers from the years a budget test is being performed should be removed. Mr. Corrigan also asked about including the analysis year 2010 and if it was needed. There was discussion among the group on whether to keep it in the document or not and the group decided to leave the analysis year in the document for informational purposes. Mr. Gil Grodinsky from GA-EPD made a comment on a grammatical error and Ms. Evans stated that it has been fixed in the document. Ms. Evans stated that also included in the packet were the updated pages of the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan document that changed any mentions of “nonattainment areas” to say “maintenance area.” The group decided to use the term “maintenance-attainment area” instead and Ms. Evans stated that she will update the document. Ms. Evans stated that the group still had until April 22, 2016 to give any comments on the draft document and she reiterated that she will send the updated document back out to the group.

#### 4. 2014-2017 Exempt TIP Amendment Projects

Ms. Evans stated that she sent out a table with the three exempt projects for the TIP amendment two weeks ago for the groups review. There were no questions or comments on the projects and she stated that the group can still comment

until the close of business on April 7, 2016, otherwise their concurrence would be assumed that the three projects provided are exempt projects. Ms. Evans stated the TIP amendment for the three projects would be going to the June 2016 Board for approval.

#### 5. Other Items of Importance

Ms. Evans stated that in the past EPA has said that if any conformity work started before the official date of the revocation of the 1997 PM2.5 standard, that conformity work would still have to be completed. Ms. Evans asked what constitutes “starting conformity work?” She asked if it would be the modeling start date that is listed in Appendix B of the CDR. Mr. Richard Wong of EPA stated that EPA is projecting sometime in October of 2016 for the revocation to actually take effect and he said that he will follow up with Dianna Myers of EPA to get a definition of what constitutes “beginning conformity work.” Ms. Evans also asked Mr. Wong if when the revocation is in effect if that would change the TPO’s plan cycle from four to five years and if that would have any effect on when the 2045 RTP would be due to our federal partners. Mr. Wong stated he will follow up with Ms. Myers and get back to us. There was additional discussion among the group about the topic but it was left that we will wait to see what EPA says on the matter.

#### 6. Recap of Action Items & Discussion of Next Steps

Ms. Evans stated she’ll update the CDR draft with comments and send back out to the group with the changes highlighted.

The meeting was adjourned.