

CHATTANOOGA INTERAGENCY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – May 5, 2016

1. Attendees

A listing of attendees is included in Attachment A.

2. Approval of April 7, 2016 Minutes

There were no questions or comments and the April 7, 2016 minutes were approved.

3. CARTA and State Project List for 2017-2020 TIP

Ms. Betsy Evans from the TPO stated that the TPO had recently received a list of projects to be included in the 17-20 TIP from CARTA and TDOT. She said the main purpose of reviewing the projects at this time was to get the groups concurrence on the exempt or nonexempt status of the projects. Ms. Evans stated that the group had until the close of business on May 19, 2016 to provide any additional questions or comments on the projects or concurrence would be assumed on the exempt or nonexempt status. Ms. Evans then reviewed the CARTA list of projects that was included in the packet. She stated that all the projects CARTA submitted were exempt and asked the group if there were any comments or questions. There were none. Mrs. Evans then went on to review the TDOT projects submitted. There was discussion among the group about the project descriptions for projects 33090 and 33100 and how it listed “interchange/intersection modifications,” it was decided that it would be recommended to TDOT to change it to “interchange/intersection reconfiguration” or remove it entirely. Ms. Evans then reviewed the other materials included in the packet for informational purposes. There was discussion among the group about several projects and their descriptions matching the Plan descriptions. The group agreed with keeping projects 33040 and 33070 as submitted. There was discussion among the group on projects 33050 and 33060 and whether or not the projects should be combined into one TIP page to match the Plan description and termini exactly or if they could be two separate TIP pages like TDOT requested. The group decided that the projects could be shown on separate TIP pages with the termini listed as submitted but then in the remarks section of the page it would show what RTP ID the project was part of and show the termini listed in the plan. There was also discussion among the group about if the ROW phase for a project could be added into the TIP when the project is in the 2030 Tier of the 2040 RTP. The group agreed it was okay since it wouldn’t change the Regional Emissions

analysis since the project would still be open to traffic at the same time it was modeled and programmed for. Ms. Evans then asked the group about bike/ped facilities included in non-exempt project descriptions when the Plan description did not mention those types of facilities in its project description, the group agreed that it was fine.

4. Other Items of Importance

There was a question about an item that was brought up on last month's call and Ms. Evans stated that EPA had gotten back with her and that she would forward the email out to the group.

5. Recap of Action Items & Discussion of Next Steps

Ms. Evans stated that she'll forward the EPA email out to the group that answered the questions asked last month.

The meeting was adjourned.