

APPENDIX 14

**Interagency Conformity Consultation
Process**

HGB Area
Consultative Partners Conference call
August 14, 2017

Attendees

H-GAC: Graciela Lubertino, Chris VanSlyke, David Wurdlow, Eulois Cleckey
EPA: Jeff Riley
FHWA-TX: Jose Campos, Barbara Maley
METRO: Vincent Sanders
TCEQ: Jamie Zech, Mary McGarry-Barber, Aaron Slevin, Morris Brown, Michael Regan
TTI: Dennis Perkinson
ERG: Doug Jackson, Allison DenBleyker
TxDOT: Charles Airiohuodion, Laura Norton, Andy Mao, Catherine McCreight, Janie Temple, Jackie Ploch, Leanna Sheppard, Megan Campbell, Peggy Thurin

Meeting Background

The MPO is developing an amendment to the existing 2040 RTP and 2017-2020 TIP.

Meeting Purpose

To initiate conference calls with consultation partners presenting the Pre-Analysis Consensus document, including the draft timeline. In addition, the new version of SEE was presented.

Meeting Consensus

There was consensus on the timeline. The Pre-Analysis document will be revised per the discussion and re-send to the committee for comments. The deadline to send comments about the Pre-Analysis document is August 28, 2017.

It was also agreed that H-GAC will send the networks and Project Listing for comments to TxDOT by August 21, 2017. TxDOT will have until September 8, 2017 to send comments and corrections.

Miscellaneous Discussion Items

None.

HGB Area
Consultative Partners Conference call
September 18, 2017

Attendees

H-GAC: Graciela Lubertino, Chris VanSlyke, David Wurdlow

EPA: Jeff Riley

FHWA-TX: Jose Campos, Barbara Maley

METRO: Vincent Sanders

TCEQ: Jamie Zech, Mary McGarry-Barber, Aaron Slevin, Sierra Redding, Michael Regan

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TxDOT: Charles Airiohuodion, Catherine McCreight, Janie Temple, Jackie Ploch, Leanna Sheppard

Meeting Background

The MPO is developing an amendment to the existing 2040 RTP and 2017-2020 TIP.

Meeting Purpose

The topic of the conference call was to discuss the conformity documentation and the implications of the conformity timeline with the RTP deadlines and the possible future non-attainment designation of the 2015 8 hr. Ozone standard.

Meeting Consensus

There was consensus on the timeline and the need to include 2020 and 2021 as possible attainment years for the 2015 8 hr. Ozone standard. As the result of this discussion, the year 2021 will be added to the Pre-Analysis Consensus document.

Miscellaneous Discussion Items

The conformity documentation was discussed. The next step is for H-GAC to meet with TxDOT-Houston to improve the documentation.

HGB Area
Consultative Partners Conference call
October 4, 2017

Attendees

H-GAC: Graciela Lubertino, Chris VanSlyke, David Wurdlow

EPA: Jeff Riley

FHWA-TX: Jose Campos, Barbara Maley

METRO: Vincent Sanders

TCEQ: Jamie Zech, Mary McGarry-Barber, Aaron Slevin, Sierra Redding, Michael
Regan

TTI: Dennis Perkinson

TxDOT: Charles Airiohuodion, Catherine McCreight, Janie Temple, Leanna Sheppard

Meeting Background

The MPO is developing an amendment to the existing 2040 RTP and 2017-2020 TIP.

Meeting Purpose

The topic of the conference call was to discuss the format and content of the conformity documentation.

Meeting Consensus

The TWG document was modified to avoid repetitions and contradictions. The conformity document is a legal document and repetitions can lead to miss interpretations and law suits. Also, the document was modified to put related topics together to make better sense. The new format and content of the conformity documentation was accepted by the conformity partners.

Miscellaneous Discussion Items

None

HGB Area
Consultative Partners Conference call
January 18, 2018

Attendees

H-GAC: Graciela Lubertino

FHWA-TX: Jose Campos, Barbara Maley

No other participants were in attendance due to ice storm that our region suffered and the emergency of the meeting.

Meeting Background

The MPO is developing an amendment to the existing 2040 RTP and 2017-2020 TIP.

Meeting Purpose

The topic of the conference call was to discuss the issues with the years 2020 and 2021. These years were previously selected trying to anticipate the EPA non-attainment designation for the 2015 8 hour Ozone Standard.

Meeting Consensus

- The year 2020 will be dropped from the conformity analysis since EPA did not act on the 2015 Ozone Standard prior to the end of 2017
- The year 2021 will be kept only as an “intermediate year”
- The website conformity documentation will be updated to reflect these changes, and kept static waiting for comments from the conformity partners
- TPC (January 26) will meet and approve Resolution reflecting these changes

Miscellaneous Discussion Items

None