

INTERAGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP

May 1, 2019
9:40 to 10:35 A.M.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 A.M. by Ms. Sara Tomlinson (BMC).

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Tomlinson welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves. Some of the members attended through a webinar service.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 2019 MINUTES

Ms. Tomlinson mentioned a requested change to the minutes of the March 18th meeting minutes. It was suggested that the description of the Loop project discussion be edited to highlight the fact that the project is not being considered in transportation conformity because it is being addressed through general conformity. Mr. Alex Rawls (BRTB) made a motion to approve the minutes with changes and Mr. Dan Janousek (MDOT) seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. CONFORMITY DETERMINATION OF *MAXIMIZE2045* AND THE 2020-2023 TIP

The draft conformity and the 2020-2023 TIP and *Maximize2045* long-range transportation plan will be released on May 9 for a public review period lasting until June 18th.

Ms. Tomlinson said that the BMC staff ran the MOVES model, and they have results for emissions from the transportation network in 2020, 2030, 2040 and 2045. Emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) were estimated. The budgets that are being used in the “budget test” for conformity are 40.2 tons per summer day of VOC’s and 93.5 tons per summer day of NOx. These budgets are from the 2012 8-hour ozone Reasonable Further Progress (RFP) State Implementation Plan (SIP). These budgets were set to address the 1997 ozone standard. For this conformity determination, the 1997, 2008, and 2015 Ozone NAAQS are being addressed with the same budgets. MDE has confirmed that their estimates match the BMC estimates. The emissions resulting from the transportation network with implementation of TIP and Plan projects, as scheduled, do not result in emissions above the budget.

Mr. Rawls motioned to approve the draft conformity results to be released for the Conformity Determination of the 2020-2023 TIP and *Maximize2045* public comment period. Mr. Janousek seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

[Presentation: Draft Conformity Results: Table, NOx Graph, VOC Graph]

4. MEMBER UPDATES

Mr. Rawls said that the long-range transportation plan, TIP, and conformity will go out for public review later in May. Multiple outreach events are being planned throughout the region to share information on these documents. Information on outreach events can be found at www.baltometro.org.

Ms. Alexandra Brun (MDE) said that the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. region has been reclassified by the EPA as “attainment” for the 2008 ozone standard.

The Baltimore region is classified as “moderate nonattainment” for the 2008 ozone standard, and “marginal” for the 2015 ozone standard.

Mr. Janousek mentioned that MDOT will be conducting a webinar on transportation and climate change later in the month. He also said that the Maryland Electric Vehicle Council will be meeting this month.

Mr. Greg Becoat (EPA Region 3) said that EPA staff are being trained on the new version of the EPA MOVES emissions model, which has not yet been publically released.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

The members were asked if they had any other business to discuss. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Alex Brun – Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) – by phone

Alex Rawls – Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB)

Dan Janousek – Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)

Staff and Guests

Kwame Arhin, FHWA Maryland Division

Regina Aris - Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)

Greg Becoat – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 3 – by phone

Gary Greening – Michael Baker/MDOT – by phone

Ryan Long – Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region 3 – by phone

Sara Tomlinson – BMC
Marcia Ways – MDE – by phone