

INTERAGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP

June 15, 2016
Teleconference
9:30 to 9:45 A.M.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Ms. Sara Tomlinson (BMC).

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Tomlinson welcomed members and guests to the call.

2. DISCUSSION OF TIP AND PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE I-95: FORT MCHENRY TUNNEL TO MORAVIA ROAD PROJECT

The ICG discussed the requirements for a conformity analysis of the proposed TIP and Plan amendment to address the I-95: Fort McHenry Tunnel to Moravia Road project. This project is included in the current long range transportation plan with a year of operation of 2030. MdTA is moving the project forward for a year of operation of 2018. The project includes barrier replacement and the restriping and reconfiguration of I-95 to provide four continuous mainline lanes of traffic in each direction. Mr. Tyson Byrne (MDOT) said that MDOT is asking for both the 2016-2019 TIP and the 2017-2020 TIP be amended because there is typically a 60-day period between approval of the MPO's TIP and the associated STIP. The ICG determined that the project is regionally significant and nonexempt, and the change in year of operation necessitates a new regional emissions analysis. The ICG agreed that running the emissions analysis using the latest known planned transportation network, reflecting the 2017-2020 TIP set of projects in the 2025 horizon year, would be the most reasonable approach for modeling the new regional emissions analysis for both the amended 2016-2019 TIP and the amended 2017-2020 TIP, as well as the amended Plan.

BMC staff will work with MDE Mobiles Sources to run the MOVES model with the new year of operation. Results of the analysis and conformity determination will go out to the public along with the draft TIP and Plan amendment in the beginning of July, for a 30-day public comment period. The ICG will be asked to approve the Conformity Determination of the TIP and Plan amendment for this project in August.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Tomlinson asked if any of the members had any other business to discuss. Hearing none, she asked for the meeting to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 A.M. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.

ATTENDANCE BY PHONE

Members

Colleen Turner - Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Brian Hug – Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)
Anthony McClune - Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB)

Staff and Guests

Charles Baber - Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)
Alex Brun – MDE
Tyson Byrne – MDOT
Sara Tomlinson – BMC
Marcia Ways – MDE