

## INTERAGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP

June 15, 2022  
10 – 11:20 A.M.

### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10 A.M. by Ms. Nicole Hebert (BMC).

#### 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Hebert welcomed Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) members and guests to the meeting and led introductions.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2022 MINUTES

The members were asked to review the minutes of the June 15th ICG meeting. Ms. Catherine Salarano (MDE) made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Virginia Burke (MDOT) seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**[Handout: May 2022 ICG Meeting Minutes]**

#### 3. InSITE VALIDATION OVERVIEW

Ms. Hebert provided a brief update regarding InSITE validation progress, notifying the group that the validation with a 2019 base year was nearly complete. Mr. Alex Rawls (BRTB) requested a more detailed presentation, and it was confirmed that one will be given at the upcoming June 28th BRTB meeting.

#### 4. CONFORMITY DETERMINATION OF MAXIMIZE 2045 AND 2023-2026 TIP

ICG members and stakeholders discussed progress of the 2023-2026 TIP and Maximize 2045 LRTP conformity analysis. Ms. Hebert notified the group that one additional exempt project was anticipated to be added to the TIP, which would not be included in the conformity analysis. The following anticipated near-term schedule was discussed and agreed upon by ICG:

- June 22 BMC provides emissions estimates to MDE
- June 28 emissions estimates confirmed by MDE
- June 28 analysis results provided to ICG

- June 30 ICG voting members provide vote on concurrence with analysis results

***[Handout: ICG Annual Conformity Schedule]***

## **5. CMAQ PLANNING UPDATE**

ICG members and stakeholders discussed progress of the CMAQ performance plan reporting and target setting efforts for the Baltimore region. Ms. Burke shared a presentation outlining FFY22-25 mobile source ozone emissions 2- and 4-year targets and target setting methodology proposed by MDOT. These targets are to be outlined in the second performance period baseline performance plan, for which a draft is in progress by BMC. A draft full performance report is also in under development by BMC for the first performance period, which will outline progress in meeting the previous CMAQ targets. BMC aims to provide draft congestion targets, as well as the draft full first performance period report and draft baseline second performance period plan, to ICG in July. The target date for BRTB approval of the targets and documentation is August 23.

***[Presentation: Proposed CMAQ Emissions Targets]***

## **6. OZONE SIP PLANNING UPDATE**

Ms. Salarano provided an update regarding ongoing 2015 NAAQS SIP planning efforts. It was confirmed that the overall SIP schedule involves a deadline of January 1, 2023, which MDE is working to meet. To meet this deadline the target date to have the draft SIP completed is October 1, 2022 to accommodate for a public comment period and governor's office approval. The draft SIP document likely won't be available for ICG review until the fall, much closer to October 1st. It was confirmed that coordination continues between MDOT, MDE, and BMC staff regarding mobile modeling and setting a new SIP budget, and that RACM analysis coordination continues among ICG members as well.

***[Handout: MDE SIP Planning Update]***

## **7. MEMBER UPDATES**

ICG members were given the opportunity to provide updates.

- **BRTB** confirmed being at the ready to review the 23-26 TIP and conformity documentation in preparation for the public comment period.
- **MDOT** shared that in May another round of alternative fuel corridor nominations were submitted. Of note, MD 200 (Inter-County Connector) has been identified as a pending EV corridor; and I-95, I-695, and I-495 have been identified as pending hydrogen fuel corridors.
- **MDE, EPA, FHWA, and FTA** did not have any updates.

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Hebert proposed the following general ICG meeting format schedule, which was agreed upon by ICG:

- January – In Person (with virtual option)

- Finalize conformity schedule details for upcoming TIP and LRTP
- Initiate conformity methodology and assumptions discussion
- February – Virtual
  - Review/approve methodology and assumptions letter
- April – Virtual
  - Review/approve conformity status of projects
- May – Virtual
  - Review/approve draft conformity results
- June – no meeting
  - Public review
- July – In Person (with virtual option)
  - Approve conformity BRTB resolution

***[Presentation: Proposed Annual ICG Meeting Format]***

**ATTENDANCE**

***Members***

Kwame Arhin – Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – Maryland Division  
 Ryan Long – Federal Transit Administration (FTA) – Region 3  
 Catherine Salarano – Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)  
 Virginia Burke – Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)  
 Alex Rawls – Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB)

***Staff and Guests***

Regina Aris – Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)  
 Rebecca Bankard – MDOT  
 Emily Bull – MDE  
 Tyson Byrne – MDOT  
 Ying-Tzu Chung – Michael Baker  
 Nicole Hebert – BMC  
 Shawn Kimberly – BMC  
 Keith Kucharek – BMC  
 Rashad Pinckney  
 Brian Ulrich – Anne Arundel County  
 Marcia Ways – MDE