

INTERAGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP

May 3, 2023
9:30 – 9:59 AM

MINUTES

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

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Marshall welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2023 MINUTES

Ms. Marshall asked for a motion and a second to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2023 ICG meeting. Due to a technical issue, the minutes were not available online for the members to read prior to the meeting. The minutes were shared with members by email, and approved by email on Thursday, May 11, 2023. Ms. Virginia Burke (MDOT) made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Alex Rawls (BRTB). The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. CONFORMITY DETERMINATION OF RESILIENCE 2050 AND THE 2024-2027 TIP

Ms. Marshall shared a PowerPoint with the regional emissions analysis results. The first slide showed a chart with the approved budgets used for the conformity determination, which were the 2012 RFP mobile emissions budgets, deemed adequate by the EPA in February 2016. 5 different horizon test years were used including 2023, 2025, 2035, 2045, and 2050. The budgets and test results are shown for VOC and NOx emissions in tons per day (tpd). The budget for VOC emissions is 40.2 tpd and for NOx emissions is 93.5 tpd.

The PowerPoint contained a slide with emissions results and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) for each horizon year, with a summary chart at the end. The summary chart was shared with ICG to be able to see side by side results. See table below. Ms. Marshall pointed out that even with the projected increase in VMT for each subsequent horizon year, the emissions for both NOx and VOCs decrease.

Ms. Regina Aris (BMC) said that the emission analyses run by BMC modeling team and also the MDE modeling team matched and there were no major issues or delays this year. Ms. Marcia Ways (MDE) confirmed that the modeling analysis went very smoothly, there was some preparation ahead of time. Mr. Charles Baber (BMC) said that this year's analysis is consistent

with years past, showing a slight increase in NOx emissions from 2045 to 2050, citing the current fleet regulations help in the short term. Ms. Ways mentioned that also, Maryland has adopted the Advanced Clean Cars II Act from California, which is not assumed in this analysis yet. MDE is moving forward with implementing ACCII, which will show some decrease in emissions in future analyses. Ms. Catherine Salarano (MDE) mentioned that the EPA recently released information about new more stringent heavy duty truck standards too. Ms. Ways added that HB 224 and SB 230 require MDE to adopt the advanced clean truck program to include electric trucks, and EPA also released new light and medium duty vehicle GHG standards.

Ms. Marshall asked for a motion and a second to approve the emission results, and to make available for public review. Ms. Salarano (MDE) made a motion to approve the analysis and Ms. Virginia Burke (MDOT) seconded the motion. The emission results were unanimously approved.

[PowerPoint: Regional Emissions Analysis Results]

Horizon Year	NOx (tpd)	VOC (tpd)	VMT
2023	30.551	16.986	82,709,094
2025	25.433	15.232	82,745,203
2035	17.586	10.047	87,710,953
2045	17.514	9.261	92,587,692
2050	18.132	9.259	95,128,952

4. MEMBER UPDATES

ICG members were given the opportunity to provide updates.

- **BRTB** - Mr. Rawls reported that the BRTB approved the FY 2024 UPWP, which is the work program for the coming year. Also, on behalf of the Board, staff are getting ready to release the draft documents for the TIP, LRTP and associated air quality conformity determination report. Staff will share these draft documents and all public meeting dates with the ICG.
- **MDE** – Ms. Salarano reported that the 2023 budgets are at the EPA and are in the process of being approved. Also, the Cecil County SIP has a public hearing in May.

- **MDOT** – Ms. Burke reported that MDOT worked on reviewing the draft LTRP chapters and made some comments on that process.
- **FHWA** was not able to attend the meeting.
- **FTA** was not able to attend the meeting.
- **EPA Region 3** – Mr. Greg Becoat reported that the comment period of the budgets ended on May 3, 2023 and EPA will determine how the received comments are addressed. In the meantime, EPA is working on a technical support document to determine adequacy of the budgets, as well as an official notice of adequacy in the Federal Register. After publication, the budgets are typically effective 15 days afterwards. He is hoping to have the publication in by the end of May. Next, Mr. Becoat provided information about the Good Neighbor Rule, which has new regulations for NOx emissions. Ms. Marshall shared the information in the email from Greg to ICG members.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

It was confirmed that the next ICG meeting will be an in person meeting on July 5th at 9:30 A.M, as a joint meeting with the Technical Committee. Ms. Marshall closed the meeting, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 A.M.

ATTENDANCE

Members

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)
Anna Marshall – BMC
Charles Baber – BMC
Todd Lang – BMC
Sophia Cortazzo – MDOT
Keith Kucharek – BMC
Marcia Ways – MDE
Gregory Becoat – EPA Region III