

Summary
TWG Quarterly Meeting
4 November, 2010
10:00am – 12:30pm
TCEQ, Bldg. B, Room 201A, Austin, Texas
(and by VTC at TCEQ Regional and TxDOT District Offices as requested in advance to
***Heather Evans and Paul Tiley*)**

A. Introductions & Announcements

Self introductions were made and attendees signed-in. There were 16 TWG members in attendance along with 10 additional participants via VTC from TCEQ regional and TxDOT district offices in Beaumont, Houston, Dallas/Fort Worth, Tyler, Temple/Killen, Sherman/Denison/Paris, San Antonio and Waco.

B. Primary Discussion Items

Presentation of regionally significant definition (NCTCOG)

Chris Reed and Donald Parker with NCTCOG gave a presentation on regionally significant arterials (RSA). The presentation included a definition of RSA and the seven criteria (along with illustrative maps) that are used to determine RSA. The PowerPoint presentation is available on the TWG website under November Meeting Resources. Paul Tiley with TxDOT announced that the regionally significant subcommittee will reconvene to further address issues and concerns.

MOVES deferred deadline for implementation (roundtable discussion)

Dennis Perkinson with TTI began the discussion by noting the implementation of MOVES is widely regarded to be premature. Among the issues are that the capabilities and challenges of MOVES are not fully resolved in a way in which everyone is comfortable that an acceptable implementation can be achieved.

Paul Tiley noted that AMPO and AASHTO created a joint committee to review and recommend an extension to EPA. Graciela Lubertino with HGAC said that she had received an e-mail from AMPO that OTAQ (EPA) had noted the concerns and were working on a decision to extend the deadline.

Jeff Riley with EPA reported that the MPOs through AMPO and other state DOTs have been engaged in discussions with EPA OTAQ and the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards to indentify the differences users are seeing between the models. Riley reported that OTAQ had taken the initiative to solve a few of the problems. Jeff Riley reported this may not include deferring or lengthening the implementation timeline. Perkinson asked if it was a fair assessment that this was a technical rather than

scheduling issue. Jeff Riley responded that initially it may have been looked at as a technical concern, but that now it may be more of an implementation/policy discussion.

Jackie Ploch with ENV reported that the next update from EPA was expected on November 8.

Chris Van Slyke with HGAC commented about the grace period for conformity regulations being no less than 3 months and no more than 24 and asked if that was prescribed by federal law. Ploch replied that it was not prescribed by law.

Dennis Perkinson summarized the discussion by proposing that TWG waits until the Nov. 8 response from EPA and distribute it where appropriate.

New Ozone Standard (EPA)

Jeff Riley reported that EPA had requested to a Washington D.C. Circuit Court for a hold on the cases towards the 2008 standard while EPA is working on the reconsideration (e-mail sent to TWG on 11/1). Jeff Riley reported that EPA asked for an extension to December 31 for the 2010 standard. Jeff Riley reported that proposed implementation rule is going to be coupled with the finalization of that standard.

C. Agency Information & Updates

EPA (Jeff Riley)

- EPA GHG Reporting Rule update – Jeff Riley updated the EPA and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration initiative on implementing standards for improved fuel efficiency and GHG emissions for 2012-2016 light duty vehicles. Jeff Riley reported that on Sept. 30 EPA published a notice of intent to work towards standards for 2017-2025 model years light duty vehicles for fuel standards and GHG levels. Jeff Riley also reported that on Oct. 25, there was a proposal for medium and heavy duty vehicles for the 2014-2018 model years. Jeff Riley said these notices were available on [EPA's main GHG page](#).
- State SIP— Jeff Riley reported on a pending notice that EPA is going to withdraw the proposed partial disapproval of the public participation portion of the State Air Permitting Program for new or modified sources. Jeff Riley reported the main concern was the issue of highway sanctions. EPA has a complete submittal from TCEQ and that they are reviewing. Jeff Riley reported that he has been in contact with their internal permitting group and there has been no talk of highway sanctions and will keep the group updated on this issue.

FHWA (Jose Campos)

- CMAQ reporting progress and needs — Jose Campos with FHWA reported that they have provided information to the MPOs on the funded CMAQ projects for 2009. Jose Campos also noted now that 2010 is complete, FHWA can a similar report and provide information on funded projects.
- CMAQ funding estimates for new nonattainment areas — Jose Campos reported that it is difficult to estimate this because of the uncertainty of the possible new designated areas.
- Reauthorization status — Jose Campos reported that FHWA had completed fiscal year 2010 under continuing resolution and carried over 2009 numbers. Jose Campo reported that it is his understanding the resolution carries over to December 31. However, the appropriations only go to December 3, so they will have to update them.
- GHG Update — Jackie Ploch reported that there were a number of webinars available from EPA, and that she would send the link to Chris Sasser for distribution. **(NOTE: E-mail was sent to group on 11/9)** Jose Campos reported that he had sent the notice out for the modeling webinars for the MPOs and states.

TxDOT TPP (Paul Tiley)

- Conformity updates and issues (Paul Tiley) – Paul Tiley reported the following updates: Dallas and Houston are in the middle of conformity reviews. Beaumont is in the process of updating their model so they will be prepared when the new attainment standard is released. Jose Campos reported that FHWA had submitted comments for El Paso and that they were meeting the week of November 15 to discuss the comments. Jose Campos also reported the comments for Houston were submitted on November 3.

TxDOT ENV (Jackie Ploch)

Jackie Ploch reported that regarding MOVES, there was now draft guidance for doing quantitative and qualitative PM project analysis. Jackie Ploch reported that she had comments from AASHTO on CO and those would be finalized on November 12 at which time she will distribute. Jackie Ploch reported that a phased implementation on NO₂ roadside monitors was recommended to EPA. Jackie Ploch reported that a pilot implementation project would be in Texas, but does not know the location.

Jackie Ploch reported that they have recently started their Nanotech pavement project and the Texas drive cycle research project and to contact her for more information.

New research — requesting an RFP for additional research on if there is anything else to link between planning and NEPA. That project would begin in September 2012.

TCEQ (Margie McAllister)

SIP Updates – Margie McAllister handed out the SIP updates. The electronic version will be forwarded to Chris Sasser for inclusion on the TWG website.

TTI (Dennis Perkinson, Todd Carlson) –

- Todd Carlson reported that he is in the process of updating the Texas Guide to Accepted Mobile Source Emission Reduction Strategies (MOSERS). Todd Carlson reported that he has had discussions with NCTCOG and HGAC and has drafted Part A and is currently working on Part B. Todd Carlson indicated that they will try and incorporate new topics, and will be contacting MPOs in the upcoming months for guidance as to how the guide can work better for them. Todd Carlson indicated that a draft will be ready for review at the February quarterly TWG meeting, then completion in April.

MPO Issues & Requests Needing TWG Discussion (*if any*)

- BPA— Leanna Sheppard reported that they are in the modeling process using the May 2007 baseline, which is a subset of them beginning their conformity process in 2009. They are also beginning their project exempt TIP and MTP to meet the state's new 2011-2014 STP. They are also in the process of updating their public participation plan and will be going out for public comment on that in early 2011.
- DFW – Madhu Venugopal reported that they sent out files for the 2012 analysis years and updated the pre-analysis consensus document.
- ELP— No representatives at this meeting.
- HGB—Chris Van Slyke reported that their policy council passed their update last Friday and now that he has Jose Campos' comments, they hope to wrap up response and comments the week of November 15.
- Austin — Cathy Stephens reported that Maureen McCoy is the new Executive Director of CAMPO.
- Corpus Christi—No representatives at this meeting.
- San Antonio— San Antonio had nothing new to report at this time.
- Tyler / Longview— Tyler had nothing new to report at this time.
- Victoria— No representatives at this meeting

- Waco— Waco reported that they had received a conceptual model report from a consultant that reported their existing ozone monitor was doing a good job measuring background levels but a poor job at measuring emissions generated locally.
- Temple/Killeen— Temple/Killeen had nothing to report at this time.
- Texoma (Sherman/Denison/Paris) — Sherman/Denison/Paris had nothing to report at this time.
- Brownsville— No representatives at this meeting
- Texarkana— No representatives at this meeting

Other (All)

Paul Tiley reported that he had received comments back from the conformity documentation that he had sent out for review, and that he will incorporate those changes and send out for revision.

D. Follow-Up Actions (Perkinson, Tiley)

- Paul Tiley is going to send the NCTCOG presentation to Chris Sasser for posting on the TWG website.
- Jackie Ploch will send the information about EPA's GHG webinars to Chris Sasser.
- Margie McAllister will send the electronic version of the SIP updates to Chris Sasser for inclusion on the TWG website.

E. Next TWG Meeting: *Thursday, February 3, 2010, TxDOT, 200 East Riverside Drive, Classroom TBD, Austin, Texas* and by VTC at TxDOT District offices. Please advise us as soon as possible if you wish to attend by VTC.