**Meeting Summary**

**Air Quality Interagency Consultation Group (ICG)**

January 27, 2021

Attendees:

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| Kevin Briggs, APCD | Medora Bornhoft, NFRMPO |
| Rose Waldman, CDOT | Amanda Brimmer, RAQC |
| Dale Wells, CDPHE | Bill Haas, FHWA |
| Rick Coffin, CDPHE  Emmett Malone, CDPHE | Doug Rex, DRCOG  Jacob Riger, DRCOG |
| Steve Cook, DRCOG  Aaron Bustow, CDOT | Elizabeth Relford, Weld County  Kristin Kenyon, FTA |
| Kira Shonkwiler, CDPHE | Ron Papsdorf, DRCOG |
| Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, DRCOG | Jessica Ferko, RAQC |
| Lawrence Tilong, DRCOG  Melissa Balding, DRCOG  Becky Karasko, NFRMPO | Sang Gu Lee, DRCOG  Ala Alnawaiseh, DRCOG  AnnaRose Cunningham, NFRMPO |
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## Key Items and Decisions

* The ICG expressed no concerns with the finding of 2050 MVRTP conformity.

## DRCOG Updates

* Steve Cook of DRCOG presented the results of the Ozone and CO/PM-10 Conformity Determinations for the 2050 RTP. Updated tables of daily mobile source emissions were displayed. Questions regarding the regional emission results in relation to regional VMT and were addressed. The ICG expressed no concerns with the finding of RTP conformity. The documents were provided as attachments in advance.
  + This is occurring along with the 2050 MVRTP update. Dale, Kira, and the team at APCD were key to keeping this on schedule.
  + Discussion on electric vehicles. Increase in EVs is not accounted for in this cycle of model runs per the direction of the EPA.
  + Discussion also include California’s waiver likely getting to stay (or go back into effect) under the new administration.
  + Amanda Brimmer suggested that a standing item regarding the many GHG related activities in the state be added to every ICG meeting agenda. Staff will likely add this as the last item of future meetings as it is not a specific federal conformity pollutant.
  + New official runs will not occur until it is necessary, when a plan update or other change triggers the need for new determination. Test runs and sensitivity runs for EVs can occur over the next few months. This will happen regardless as a result of the GHG roadmap and HB 1261.
  + Rick Coffin responding to Bill Haas question explains that because of Reg 10, the conformity determination documents have to be presented in a public meeting. The documents are provided to AQCC prior to the meeting, and an overview presentation will take place during the AQCC meeting. Commissioners say if they concur or not with determination. AQCC will provide concurrence with the conformity determination findings at the February 19th meeting.
* The other ongoing air quality item for is working with the RAQC and the State on GHG roadmap and rulemaking coming up.

## NFRMPO Updates

* Medora Bornhoft explained that the NFRMPO is looking for feedback on possibility on not making new determination if there are not new projects. If there are new projects, looking for late February MOVES run.
  + UFR (Elizabeth Relford) will have a new project in FY 2022-2025 TIP Development Process. Weld County may be adding an interchange project (I-76 at Weld County Road 8) to the UFRTPR long range plan. As this interchange is also in the DRCOG region, it would need to be amended into the DRCOG 2050 RTP at such time that a commitment for future funding is made and CDOT approves the project through the “1601” interchange approval process. The interchange location is within the Ozone nonattainment area.
  + The conversation included a discussion on how regionally significant projects must be, and will be, included in the RTP regardless of funding source. Essentially, once there is a funding commitment for a regionally significant project, regardless of the source, it needs to get in a plan.

## RAQC Updates

* Amanda Brimmer provided updates on severe and serious budget determinations with a 2026 attainment year for both. This would attune attainment demonstration. 2023 would need to be a milestone year and need budgets. The new attainment years would mean one less SIP would need to be created.
* The ongoing SIP efforts will require runs being completed this spring for final adoption by Spring 2022 (RAQC board fall 2021).
* Further conversation on using MOVES3 is underway.

## APCD/ AQCC Updates

* Rick Coffin shared about a public input meeting: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/reducing-greenhouse-gas-emissions-from-transportation> on the 28th from 6-8pm.
* Martha Rudolph, formerly with RAQC, is a new commissioner.

## CDOT Updates

* Rose Waldman provided a series of meeting updates and staffing updates.

## EPA Updates

* Bill Haas shared that Tim Russ will retire in the end of April.
* FHWA resource center is providing assistance and engagement (technical assistance) to get through air quality work for EA.