**Meeting Summary**

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

October 27, 2021

Attendees: 26

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| Aaron Bustow, FHWA  Ala Alnawaiseh, DRCOG  Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, DRCOG  Becky Karasko, NFRMPO  Bill Haas, FHWA  Curt Frischkorn, CDOT  Dale Wells, APCD  Doug Rex, DRCOG  Elizabeth Relford, Weld County  Erik Sabina, CDOT  Greg Lohrke, EPA  Jeremy Horne, Ramboll  Jessico Ferko, RAQC | Kevin Briggs, APCD  Kira Shonkwiler, CDPHE  Lawrence Tilong, DRCOG  Matt Muraro, CDOT  Medora Bornhoft, NFRMPO  Melissa Balding, DRCOG  Rick Coffin, APCD  Robert Spotts, DRCOG  Ron Papsdorf, DRCOG  Rose Waldman, CDOT  Sang Gu Lee, DRCOG  Steve Cook, DRCOG  Wayne Chuang, RAQC |
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## Key Items and Decisions

## DRCOG Updates

* A new park and ride lot project at I-25 and SH-7 was discussed to determine exemption status.
* Rose Waldman explained the project scope. The lot will have 170 parking spots and add bus pull offs on the freeways ramps. Curt Frischkorn pointed out there will be no bus traffic to the park and ride lot. Access to parking lot for vehicles is right in right out to east of lot. Bus pull offs are less than 1,000 feet. Bustang will stop here currently serviced at 6 buses a day Monday to Friday and 2 buses a day Saturday and Sunday. RTD could use this in the future.
* This project is not regionally significant for air quality. It will not trigger RTP amendment or new conformity determination.
* On a project level, this project is not exempt but not a project for air quality concern. CDOT will provide written documentation of this decision, stating that no hot spot analysis requirements are triggered by the project. This was confirmed by Bill Haas and Greg Lohrke.
* Ron Papsdorf shared a general timeline for the RTP update on behalf of Jacob Riger. The update will occur per SB 260 requirements by October 1, 2022. DRCOG will kick off in earnest in January 2022. To complete modeling work with the necessary iterations, for both the travel demand model and MOVES modeling, the updated projects list and direction of the update needs to be determined by spring. Especially if this could include amendments to the plan that would require federal air quality determination.
* By the next ICG meeting, DRCOG will have a more complete schedule with milestones to arrive at September board action. Timing and schedule might have already decided what is possible for the level of update. Robert Spotts adds conformity determination takes around six months from network completion to get through all committees.
* There was discussion on how the word update is being used, from a state context (with SB 260) and federal context. NFRMPO wants to continue to meet FTA and FHWA requirements in addition to meeting the state requirements.
* Erik Sabina and Rose Waldman add that CDOT also performs a lot of modeling, including project level, as part of this. CDOT plans to hire a MOVES modeler.

## NFRMPO Updates

* The NFRMPO is on a similar schedule for the RTP update requirements. They are working through update scenarios to understand the level of effort. They have an RTP update planned for 2023, so determining what it would mean to update the current RTP. This is where clarification on update definition is needed, from FHWA, FTA, and state in a coordinated way.

## RAQC Updates

* Jessica Ferko explains that they need to be conservative in assumptions for electric vehicle estimations in the SIP. However, they are looking about how to get credit for some hybrids. They are still looking for feedback on this process. There are challenges for putting PHEVs into MOVES.
* DRCOG had previously evaluated emissions on PHEVs, looking for percent of time in EV mode to show it is accounted for, fore example.
* For inventory work, a low share of EVs held constant. This could be re-evaluated if California waiver is reinstated. There is the question of knowing there is higher turnover to ZEVs.
* RAQC has the following ongoing working groups:
  + Indirect Source Rule Work Group
  + Non-road Engine Strategies Work Group
  + Local Government Collaboration Work Group

## APCD/ AQCC Updates

* The GHG transportation rulemaking has been a key item.
* Additionally, Rick Coffin shared CDOT, CDPHE, and the energy office released CDOT’s Medium and Heavy Duty Vehicle Study. There is a meeting next month to discuss results and next steps.
* A clean trucking rule coming into discussion August of 2022.

## CDOT Updates

* All CDOT updates had previously been discussed.

## EPA Updates

* No additional notes.