**Meeting Summary**

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

May 25, 2022

Attendees: 25

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| **Aaron Bustow, FHWA**  **Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, DRCOG**  **Bill Haas, FHWA**  **Dale Wells, APCD**  **Elizabeth Relford, Weld County**  **Emily Kleinfelter, DRCOG**  **Emmett Malone, CDPHE**  **Erik Sabina, CDOT**  **Greg Lohrke, EPA**  **Jacob Riger, DRCOG**  **Jessica Ferko, RAQC**  **Kevin Briggs, APCD**  **Kira Shonkwiler, CDPHE** | **Lawrence Tilong, DRCOG**  **Libba Rollins, CDOT**  **Melissa Adamson, DRCOG**  **Medora Bornhoft, NFRMPPO**  **Natalie Shishido**  **Rick Coffin, CDPHE**  **Robert Spotts, DRCOG**  **Ron Papsdorf, DRCOG**  **Rose Waldman, CDOT**  **Sang Gu Lee, DRCOG**  **Steve Cook, DRCOG**  **Theresa Takushi, CDOT** |
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## Key Items and Decisions

* In 2022, the amendments performed by both DRCOG and NFRMPO will be classified as “routine.” A review by the AQCC will not be required.
* Because of the timeline of the DMNFR nonattainment ozone reclassification, both DRCOG and NFRMPO should include 2026 as a staging year for this amendment cycle.
* An updated MOU is required because of the boundary adjustment. CDPHE, RAQC, DRCOG and NFRMPO need to coordinate to get the MOU updated with a new map and description of the ozone nonattainment boundaries.

## DRCOG Updates

* Robert Spotts reported that the 2022 RTP amendment process will be routine and will not reset the conformity clock. This means it does not need to go through AQCC review process.
* Due to changes to the plan to meet the requirements of the GHG rule, a discussion occurred about potentially “restarting the clock” on requirements for a plan update from a federal perspective. Bill Haas is open to the concept and there will be follow up discussions.
* Robert Spotts explained that the GHG process includes model adjustments. DRCOG would like to understand FHWA’s comfort with these adjustments to the model to determine if we can have one model version and results going forward- so that conformity results and GHG results vary only because of boundaries but not because of modeling assumption differences.
* DRCOG plans to provide information in late June to APCD to run MOVES for conformity determination.

## NFRMPO Updates

* Medora Bornhoft shared that the NFRMPO is working on the update to their plan based on the GHG rule.
* The conformity determinations are routine and the NFRMPO does not intend to reset the conformity clock despite through their RTP work this year. The RTP overhaul, and thus conformity clock reset, is intended for next year, extending the horizon year to 2050.
* A new regional emissions analysis is due by December of 2022 to reflect the addition of northern Weld county to the nonattainment area.
* There is ongoing conversation around staging years. Initially, 2023, 2026, 2035, and 2045 were planned for conformity. GHG is 2025, 2030, 2040, and 2045 (for 2050). Proposed change for conformity is to replace 2035 with 2030 and 2040. DRCOG is interpolating 2025. NFRMPO could do the same. Final determinations to come.
* NFRMPO plans to provide information in June to APCD to run MOVES for conformity determination.
* For GHG, MOVES will need to be run in May-June.
* The plan is for NFRMPO Council Adoption in September.

## RAQC Updates

* Jessica Ferko shared that standards are being met. Ozone season is underway and monitor readings are looking okay except for one reading understood to be stratospheric rather than emissions based.
* Jessica Ferko updated the July meeting of RAQC will show entire SIP. Timeline is: September propose for rulemaking, SIP adoption by RAQC December, with expected approval by the Colorado state legislature around March 2023. This SIP covers 70 ppb and 75 ppb standards and will include the new boundary.
* NFRMPO notes that they will show that emissions for all of Weld conform to the smaller budget, from moderate SIP.

## APCD/ AQCC Updates

* Rick Coffin shared AQCC will consider rulemaking for heavy duty vehicles and clean truck strategy.

## CDOT Updates

* Erik Sabina shared that CDOT is working on GHG modeling. Baseline runs are complete, though doing a few adjustments. There is a process of updating the plan to meet GHG reduction requirements of the rule. These “Action Plan” runs are nearing completion based on different regions plans, and next step is MOVES. There are challenges for forecasting future years as CDOT’s plan is typically a 10 year plan.
* Theresa Takushi shared that the policy directive was approved by the Transportation Commission and is now posted online. There is an intention to add two mitigation measures through proposal to the Transportation Commission in June. The measures to be considered are intercity bus and revisiting commercial parking. Further ideas to be considered are additional TOD measures and local zoning calculations.

## EPA Updates

* Greg Lohrke reported that the EPA wrapped up consultation on the NFR TIP. The potential for redetermining subareas was an outstanding question.
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