

CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR US 290

Background

In August 2009, the Transportation Policy Council approved the air quality conformity determination for the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Since that time, a regional significant project included in the conforming RTP has changed in scope and required a new conformity determination. Changes made to the travel demand model were also included.

The modified project and modeling changes are the following:

- US 290 from West 34 to Pinemont: reconstruct and widen to 12 main lanes (instead of 10 main lanes) MPOID: 11573, CSJ: 0050-09-069
- Changing the travel demand model from EMME2 to Cube Voyager (join product from H-GAC and METRO)
- Changing the base year from 2002 to 2005

Current Situation

A new conformity determination that includes the project change listed above is shown in the following table:

Analysis year	Budget		Conformity Finding		
	NOx (tpd)	VOC (tpd)	NOx (tpd)	VOC (tpd)	VMT
2008	186.13	86.77			
2009	186.13	86.77	159.92	82.83	145,691,681.3
2019	186.13	86.77	51.87	47.48	188,036,908.7
2025	186.13	86.77	40.71	43.87	214,453,281.4
2035	186.13	86.77	44.16	52.53	258,759,397.3

The public comment period began on December 21, 2009 and ends on January 25, 2010. The public meeting was held at H-GAC offices on January 6, 2010. The new conformed RTP is scheduled for consideration and approval by the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) in January and by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in February.

Action Requested

Staff requests TAC and TPC approval pending no adverse comments.