

## **Appendix 15**

### **Interagency Conformity Consultation Committee**

# Conformity Conference Call 9/18/12

## Meeting Summary

### 1. Participants

Chris VanSlyke (H-GAC), David Wurdlow(H-GAC), Graciela Lubertino (H-GAC), Charles Airiohuodion (TxDOT), Hans Michael Ruthe (H-GAC), James Webb (H-GAC)

Via Phone: Jose Campos (FHWA), Margie McAllister (TCEQ), Edmund Petry (METRO), Jeff Riley (EPA), Laura Norton (TxDOT), Shundreka Givan (FHWA)

### 2. Pre-analysis Consensus Template document

The pre-analysis consensus document was presented to the committee for them to comment on it and to approve it later on. TCEQ said that they won't approve the conformity if the pre-analysis consensus document is not approved before the air quality calculations are done.

### 3. Draft Timeline

The public comment period begins on Monday, October 29, 2012 and ends on Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at 5:00 pm. The public meeting is Thursday, November 15, 2012, from 5:30-7:00 pm at the H-GAC offices, 3555 Timmons Lane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room A, Houston, TX 77027

# Conformity Conference Call 10/30/12

## Meeting Summary

### 1. Participants

Charles Airiohuodion (TxDOT), Chris VanSlyke (H-GAC), David Wurdlow (H-GAC), Melissa Bain (H-GAC), Graciela Lubertino (H-GAC), Bill Tobin (H-GAC), Hans Michael Ruthe (H-GAC)

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### 2. Discussion on air quality analysis

Due to the approval of the pre-analysis consensus template document, the air quality calculations were done.

| <b>Analysis Year</b> | <b>VOC Emissions (tpd)</b> | <b>VOC Budget (tpd)</b> | <b>NOx Emissions (tpd)</b> | <b>NOx Budget (tpd)</b> | <b>VMT</b>         |
|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>2011</b>          | <b>73.11</b>               | <b>75.17</b>            | <b>134.06</b>              | <b>135.74</b>           | <b>138,749,439</b> |
| <b>2014</b>          | <b>59.90</b>               | <b>61.84</b>            | <b>91.11</b>               | <b>95.26</b>            | <b>142,597,485</b> |
| <b>2017</b>          | <b>48.50</b>               | <b>53.23</b>            | <b>60.86</b>               | <b>67.95</b>            | <b>149,278,026</b> |
| <b>2018</b>          | <b>45.84</b>               | <b>45.97</b>            | <b>48.72</b>               | <b>49.22</b>            | <b>151,567,168</b> |
| <b>2025</b>          | <b>38.42</b>               | <b>45.97</b>            | <b>32.96</b>               | <b>49.22</b>            | <b>170,525,526</b> |
| <b>2035</b>          | <b>45.71</b>               | <b>45.97</b>            | <b>35.17</b>               | <b>49.22</b>            | <b>206,239,476</b> |

H-GAC presented the air quality analysis results to the committee and explained that for the years 2011 and 2014 there has been no changes in the transportation networks. The results from 2011 are the same as in the previous conformity because it was not impacted by the changes due to the 2012 registration distribution, diesel fractions and TxLED adjustments.

H-GAC also explained that the emissions went up due to the use of the new registration distribution that shows that the fleet is older than before.

### 3. Timeline

- **Beginning September 2012** - Start updating the networks
- **Mid September - Mid October 2012**
  - Complete travel demand model runs
  - Start conference calls with conformity consultation partners
  - Start conformity air quality calculations and documentation
- **October 26, 2012** – TPC information item of Conformity finding
- **End October 2012** – Submit air quality results to conformity consultation partners
- **October 31, 2012** – Start public comment period
- **November 7, 2012** – TAC information item of Conformity finding
- **November 13, 2012** – Public meeting
- **November 29, 2012** – Close of public comment period.
- **November 30, 2012** - TPC final approval of Conformity finding.
- **Beginning December 2012** –Conference call with conformity consultation partners to finalize the Conformity Finding.

### 4. Comments

H-GAC announced that the public comment period opens tomorrow and that all the information will be in the website since early morning.

FHWA and TCEQ requested that H-GAC makes CDs with all the conformity information that will be in the website, plus the networks and the input files.

H-GAC agreed, as in the previous conformity, not to update the website until the public comment period ends to avoid confusion.

# Conformity Conference Call 12/5/12

## Meeting Summary

### 1. Participants

Chris VanSlyke (H-GAC), David Wurdlow (H- GAC), Melissa Bain (H-GAC), Graciela Lubertino (H-GAC), Nicholas Williams (H-GAC), Hans Michael Ruthe (H-GAC), Shelley Whitworth (H-GAC)

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### 2. Discussion

It was announced that H-GAC had two public meetings on November 13<sup>th</sup>, at noon and at 6 pm, for which only two people came. The public comment period was from October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 29<sup>th</sup>, and H-GAC had no public comments. In addition, the conformity was approved by the Transportation Policy Council on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Following the announcements there was a discussion on the comments submitted by TxDOT, TCEQ and FHWA and the H-GAC answers to their comments. It was agreed that H-GAC will continue working addressing the comments and re-calculating the air quality results accordingly.

