

## **Attendees**

**H-GAC:** Maggie Isied, Andrew DeCandis, Vishu Lingala, Heng Wang, Frank Pagliei, Pramod Sambidi, Allie Isbell, Kelly Shannon, Stephan Keen, Brandon Mosley, Jamila Owens, Vinny Polignano,

**EPA:** Jeff Riley

**FHWA-TX:** Barbara Maley, Jose Campos

**TCEQ:** Sarah Thomas

**TxDOT:** Qing Li, Jeffrey English, Janie Temple, Shixin Gao, Laura Norton, Mansour Shiraz, Catherine McCreight

**METRO:** Vincent Sanders

**TTI:** Madhu Venugopal, Chaoyi Gu

## **Meeting Background**

H-GAC is planning to do a new conformity determination to support the amended transportation plan. The MPO is amending an existing transportation plan (the 2045 RTP Update and TIP). Due to the addition of regionally significant projects, an updated RTP and corresponding transportation conformity is required before projects can begin.

## **Agenda Items/Data Needs**

- Welcome
- Background
- Timeline Overview
- Current Status/Progress
- Outstanding Data Questions:
  - Version of MOVES that will be used for this conformity
    - Can use similar MOVES 3 inputs and metrics for the conformity approved in November 2023.
    - September 12, 2025 – end of MOVES4 Grace Period
    - Janie: risks in using 3 vs 4 -MOVES4 will show higher emissions than using MOVES3.
    - Consensus – using MOVES3
  - MVEB Budget from SIP (2020 vs 2023)?
    - Conversations with TCEQ – 2020 would be the appropriate motor vehicle emission budget and used for the most recent budget
    - Jeff: NCTCOG is doing contingency if the conformity process takes longer than planned, and there is some US EPA movement to act on those MVEB for severe classification, better to have some runs against the severe budgets just in case
    - Consensus: running MOVES3 with 2023 with severe, and 2020 emission budgets, running it once with two different

scenarios. One for 2020 SIP, one for the 2023 SIP, and the differences that go with that (e.g., Analysis Years 2023,2026,2030,2040 and 2045). Should be same area boundary – Madhu will check in with Heng on this to confirm, but safer to do both analyses at the same time.

- Jeff/Sarah will look into any changes between the runs
- Madhu/Janie will need to provide us with new inputs for 2023 – will provide to Heng and his team and need to check if all the analysis years are represented in the model.
- TDM, only needs to run one time, MOVES need to run two sets.
- H-GAC will confirm with TTI.
- Demographic Data (Consistent with 2045 RTP or most recently available)?
  - Consensus: using the demographic forecast data consistent with 2045 RTP (Demographic forecast used in the conformity approved in November 2023.)
- Confirmation of conformity analysis years
  - See notes above
  - Come from the SIP, depending on which SIP we are using.
- Texas DMV data status
  - Consensus: Using 2021 DMV data
- Any other new data from TCEQ, EPA, and TxDOT/TTI for inputs that are not listed here/are different than the last conformity?
  - Share PACP with Madhu so they can fill in items, if the data differs, they can fill it in
  - Two documents vs one?
  - Catherine: two documents will be cleaner, as long as the beginning is clear why two are being done?
  - Jose: doing one, but being clear in the analysis year section, it's the contingency aspect of it
- Next Steps
  - Include 1 week review network checks

#### Current 2025 Transportation Conformity Schedule

	Estimated Date
Project Listing Review/Revisions	January 15 - March 15, 2025
Travel Model Network Development	February 1 - March 30, 2025
Conformity Partner Kick-off Meeting	11-Mar-25
Travel Model Network Review	April 1 - April 30, 2025
Pre-Analysis Consensus Development	March 15 - May 15, 2025

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Travel Demand Model Analysis	May 1 - May 31, 2025
Emissions Analysis	May 1 - June 15, 2025
Documentation Development	May 15 - July 30, 2025
TAC/TPC Information/Approval	TAC Information - July 16, 2025 TPC Information - July 25, 2025 TAC Approval - August 13, 2025 TPC Approval - August 22, 2025
Public Meetings and Comment Period	July 15 - August 15, 2025
Consultative Partner Review Period	August 22, 2025 - January 22, 2026
Anticipated FHWA Conformity Determination	No later than January 22, 2026