

Attendees

H-GAC: Maggie Isied, Andrew DeCandis, Vishu Lingala, Heng Wang, Frank Pagliei, Pramod Sambidi, Stephan Keen, Brandon Mosley, Vinny Polignano, Weijie Zhuo, Madeline Stakewicz

EPA: Jeff Riley

FHWA-TX: Barbara Maley

TCEQ:

TxDOT: Jeffrey English, Janie Temple, Shixin Gao, Laura Norton, Mansour Shiraz

METRO: Vincent Sanders, Kenneth McGaughey

TTI: Madhu Venugopal, Chaoyi Gu

Meeting Background

H-GAC has distributed the Pre-Analysis Consensus Plan (PACP) for review from the consultative partners. The goal of the meeting today is to highlight H-GAC specific items for PACP discussion, as well as provide a forum for discussion from the consultative partners on any other PACP items.

Agenda Items/Data Needs

- Background
- PACP Discussion
 - H-GAC discussion items
 - Table 2 – Anticipated Conformity Timeline
 - Based on feedback from previous conformity process
 - Do we need this time? Or can we commit to a more compact review process?
 - New timeline on the portal includes a maximum of 150 days since there are a few coming in
 - Recommend starting with 150 days for review
 - Adjust the consultative review period to January 2026
 - Since STIPs and UPWPs will be coming in, those will take priority
 - Item 7, Language in Table 2, they don't like the language in the template, and would like it to be revised
 - "Conformity lapse grace period begins on: mm/dd/yyyy", and the lapse will occur one year later
 - Change N/A to the date that this would be applicable: 11/02/2027
 - Table 4 – Analysis Years and MVEBs
 - H-GAC will use a single set of model inputs
 - H-GAC will develop one set of conformity documentation
 - Using 2026 as an analysis year if the MVEBs are not approved in the most recently submitted RFP SIP

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- Does not have any concerns using 2026 as analysis year
 - Inclusion of contingency language – using 2026 AND new budgets to ensure that if these are approved during the conformity process, the review will not be interrupted
 - Discussion by consultative partners
 - Include specific fiscal year/calendar year
 - Jeff – footnote included is helpful, suggest editing the first sentence to specify by the end of Calendar year 2025, and EPA is in the process of determining that the 2026 budget is adequate. This would lead into the next sentence.
- Table 12 – Emissions Modeling – we will use MOVES3
 - Barbara – there is a MOVES 3.1 – explanation was that 3.1 has a minor set of issues
 - Do we need to use MOVES 3 or 3.1 – this came up during – they just looked at DFW and that’s the one they used
 - Heng will confirm if we used MOVES3 or MOVES3.1
 - We don’t mind using 3.1 if that’s the one that we’re using
 - Madhu – that is the model that is available, and we believe that’s the one being used
 - Update the table to MOVES3.1
- David Gao – Table 1 – remove Metropolitan under a.
 - TDM base year 2016, not TDM conformity base year
- Barbara Maley – Table 2 – we currently have 2 months for PACP preparation and approval
 - Recommendation to revise, take consideration of what we’ve written, and then give the consultative partners a clean copy of the document
 - Update the date for the PACP to end in 2 weeks from today
 - Fix forecast meteorology links – Table 6

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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
Pre-Analysis Consensus Review	March 15 - May 15, 2025
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