

## **Air Quality Subcommittee (AQS) Meeting Notes**

April 11, 2013

### **Attendees**

Gregory Becoat, EPA  
Thurm Brendlinger, Clean Air Council  
Deanna Cucinnello, DNREC  
Heather Dunigan, WILMAPCO  
Mike DuRoss, DelDOT  
James Galvin, D/KC MPO  
Jay Gerner, DelDOT  
Tamika Graham, WILMAPCO  
Asrah Khadr, EPA  
Owen Robatino, NCC  
Howard Simons, MDOT (teleconference)  
Bill Swiatek, WILMAPCO  
Rich Vetter, D/KC MPO  
Phil Wheeler, DNREC  
Tigist Zegeye, WILMAPCO

### **Acceptance of the Notes from March 14**

- The notes were accepted.

### **FY 2014 TIP amendments**

- Ms. Dunigan provided an overview of this agenda item.
- Handouts: *March 29, 2013 and April 1, 2013 SHA memo and letter regarding the MD 272 Bridge over Amtrak amendment; March 28, 2013 TIP Amendment Form: Christina River Bridge and Approaches*
- Ms. Dunigan went through the MD 272 Bridge over Amtrak and Christina River Bridge and Approaches Amendments.
- The AQS was in agreement that these amendments did not trigger a revised conformity analysis.

**Draft FY 2015 TIP Air Quality Prioritization**

- Mr. Swiatek provided an overview of this agenda item.
- Handouts: *WILMAPCO Prioritization Process – Air Quality Scoring Criteria; FY 2015 – AQ technical scores; excerpt from the FY 2014 – 2017 TIP*
- Mr. Swiatek reviewed the draft scores for three new projects:
  - o Bicycle, pedestrian and other improvements, statewide (AQ score: 1)
  - o Boyds Corner Park and Ride (AQ score: 1)
  - o Christiana Mall Park and Ride (AQ score: 1)
- The AQS accepted these technical scores.

**Draft FY 2015 CMAQ Prioritization**

- Mr. Swiatek provided an overview of this agenda item.
- Handouts: *Interim CMAQ Project Prioritization Processes, FY 2015 TIP Projects; excerpt from the FY 2014 – 2017 TIP*
- Mr. Swiatek went through the interim CMAQ prioritization process. He then reviewed how the FY 2015 TIP projects sorted out. He said that the list was largely the same from last year with the following exceptions:
  - o Murphy Marine was removed
  - o Boyds Corner Park and Ride was added
  - o Christiana Mall Park and Ride was added
  - o Garasches Lane was added
- The AQS accepted the technical scores, with no changes.

**Tier 3 and Low/Zero Regulation Efforts**

- Mr. Becoat and Ms. Cucinnello provided an overview of this agenda item.
- Handouts: *none*
- Mr. Becoat provided an exhaustive summary of the EPA Tier 3 regulations. The Tier 3 Rule was signed on March 29, 2013, and its public comment period is open. The proposed standard includes new, more stringent standards for NOx,

VOCs, PM, and sulfur. The standard came about after a 2010 review showed potential to reduce emissions via existing technologies, at a reasonable cost. It is set to begin in 2017.

- Ms. Cucinnello said that Delaware is looking into adopting California's Advanced Clean Car Program. A start action notice was put out at the beginning of the year, and a workgroup met in March 2013. DNREC is currently comparing whether the Advanced Clean Car Program package or the LEV 3 standards would be better for the state. Mr. DuRoss requested that DelDOT be added to the workgroup.

### **DelDOT VMT Review**

- Mr. DuRoss provided an overview of this agenda item.
- Handouts: *none*
- Mr. DuRoss noted that he has been analyzing why VMT is projected to increase so greatly in Delaware's travel model. The first step involves quality checks at each step of the model process. Next, he will compare existing population/employment and trip lengths with those projected in future decades. The end result is hoped to be a series of charts/maps which explain why VMT is projected to increase faster than population growth.

### **Presentation: Port of Wilmington Truck Parking Study**

- Mr. Swiatek provided a presentation on the Port Truck Parking Study.
- Presentation link: <http://wilmapco.org/portparking>

### **Other**

- Mr. Swiatek noted that he has requested a non-confidential presentation from Proterra (presented last month), so it could be posted on the subcommittee website. However, they have yet to send one. A Proterra bus will be on display this afternoon at DART Headquarters in Wilmington.
- There was discussion about potential conformity efforts in Kent County.