

Air Quality Subcommittee (AQS) Meeting Notes

May 14, 2015

Attendees (via teleconference)

Gregory Beacoat, EPA
Kevin Black, FHWA
Marc Dixon, FHWA
Heather Dunigan, WILMAPCO
Tamika Graham, WILMAPCO
Valerie Gray, DNREC
Alex Krempasanka, MDE
Cathy Smith, DTC
Bill Swiatek, WILMAPCO
Tigist Zegeye, WILMAPCO

Acceptance of the Notes from the April 9 Meeting

- The notes were accepted without corrections or clarifications.

FY 2016 TIP Amendment

- See packet: www.wilmapco.org/aqs
- Mr. Dunigan reviewed an amendment to the Cecil County portion of the FY 2016 TIP. The amendment involves an addition of over \$4 million for a new project: MD 222 Bridge Replacement over Rock Run.
- The AQS was in agreement that this project did not trigger a revised conformity determination.

Project Prioritization: Air Quality Scoring

- See packet: www.wilmapco.org/aqs
- Mr. Swiatek reviewed proposed revised draft air quality technical scores for the FY 2017 TIP. As explained in a memo to the AQS, dated May 7, 2015, WILMAPCO will be making changes to five projects in the TIP. These revisions necessitate a review of the project's technical score in the project prioritization process. The memo, which includes a detailed description of the projects and the proposed adjustments, is available in the AQS packet.

- The AQS was in agreement with the staff proposed scores listed in memo, with the exception of one project. Instead of a score of “0” for the Road A/SR 7 project, Ms. Krempasanka and Ms. Gray felt that the project should be given a “-3.” While the revised project description does include bicycle and pedestrian elements, it was felt that these elements would not offset emissions associated with the vehicle capacity addition, which is at the project’s heart. The AQS was in agreement that this project should receive a score of -3.

Other

- Mr. Dixon reported that the approval letter for the FY 2016 TIP/ 2040 RTP: 2015 Update conformity determination is currently under review by FTA.