ADEQ & ADOT INTERAGENCY CONSULTION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 17th, 2013
TIME: 3-4 p.m.
1110 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007

ATTENDEES: ADOT - Darcy Anderson, Beverly Chenausky, Joe D’Onofrio, Joonwon Joo
ADEQ – Diane Arnst, Brad Busby, Steve Calderon, Phil Denee, Bryan Paris

ITEM 1: Discussions and approval of the Draft Minutes from August 6th as provided no changes made.

ITEM 2 and ITEM 3: Discussions on hot-spot draft document for SR101L and SR202L
Darcy Anderson led discussions on the Draft Air Quality Modeling Protocol developed by DME for SR101L noting in the project description section that there may be inconsistencies with how the project segments were described in the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Darcy discussed a few minor changes to the modeling years as MAG added the year 2035 as well as needing to check the truck percentages with the total number of trucks as the percentages were off in both the SR101L and SR202L documents. Bryan Paris inquired about how the background concentrations were developed as the background levels for the SR202L document used the MAG 5% Plan and the SR101L did not use the background identified by MAG. The full interagency consultation group continued discussions on the differences between assumptions in the modeling protocols for SR101L and SR202L. A decision was made to add clarification language to the background concentration to clearly state that this background concentration is “representative of the project area” in question. Diane Arnst also recommended some incorporation of common definitions or glossary of terms used in the analysis to add clarity. The interagency consultation group concurred that the modeling protocols with the minor changes discussed are complete for release to ADOT consultants to begin the required modeling for the two projects.

ITEM 4: Discussions on draft Case Study for a regional conformity analysis
Beverly Chenausky provided a copy of a case study for a hypothetical regional conformity analysis for the Nogales nonattainment area and summarized each section for the interagency consultation group. Beverly requested comments on the draft document by October 31, 2013 and discussed next steps towards developing a Conformity SIP after the finalization of ADOT’s Air Quality Guidebook for Conformity.

RESOURCES: Agendas and meeting minutes will be available on the MPD Air Quality Consultation Website @ http://www.azdot.gov/business/environmental-services-and-planning/air-quality-planning/conformity