

WestConnect Coalition

Technical Work Group Meeting (teleconference call)

November 19, 2015

Meeting Summary

The Technical Working Group met to finalize the Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) Scope of Work (SOW). The focus of the meeting was on reviewing the revised traffic modeling language proposed by the CDOT traffic modeling group.

Neil Ogden noted the minor changes to the SOW since the previous draft. He highlighted that the DRCOG 2015 base year model and a validated and calibrated 2040 out year model will be used for estimating future demand in the PEL; in addition that the consultant will be asked to consider and reconcile local transportation networks during the process. The approach will provide the flexibility to consider multiple approaches, with the assurance that the TWG will drive the decision making process, and ensure that the PEL is able to take advantage of future opportunities through consistency with NEPA/CMAQ requirements.

A concern was expressed that the PEL alternatives, in order to be able to advance toward implementation, must be consistent with the DRCOG Plan. Particularly, the project should not attempt to change the regional population and employment distribution. It was clarified that the PEL is not going to change the DRCOG population/employment distribution; rather it will look at how local alternatives fit with the model. This clarification will be made to the SOW, finalized and advertised. The TWG expressed its support for the SOW, with this clarification.

Schedule for Release of the PEL Request for Proposal

CDOT outlined the process and schedule for advertising the RFP which includes 1) a first advertisement on the 27th of November 2) a second advertisement on Dec. 3rd and the 3) final advertisement on Dec 10th. The goal is to have a consultant hired and under contract by mid-March 2016. As previously discussed, a TWG member will review PEL proposals and provide advisory input to the consultant selection. The TWG will discuss who will serve on the PEL proposal review team at a TWG meeting in December. For the sake of efficiency, the number of PEL proposal reviewers should be kept small.

Attendees

Alex Ariniello, Anne Beierle, Dan Hartman, Dave Baskett, Bob Manwaring, Mike Sweeney, Dave Downing, Neil Ogden, Steve Durian , Jana Spiker, Jordan Rudel, John Padon, Derek Schuler, Jon Chesser, Michael Sweeney, George Gerstle, Jonathan Bartsch

