

**RTP Guidelines Update
RTP Sequencing & Adoption Workgroup Teleconference**

Monday, September 14, 2009
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

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AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions	Michael Powers
2. Purpose and Scope of the RTP Sequencing and Adoption Workgroup	Michael Powers Susan Bransen
3. Review of Specific Sections of the Draft SCS Section and Flowchart on Sequencing	Garth Hopkins
4. Workgroup Discussion on Suggested Changes to Sections of the RTP Guidelines Regarding Sequencing Issues	All
5. Wrap-up, Conclusion & Next Steps	Michael Powers

Role of this workgroup:

At the last RTP Guidelines subcommittee meeting on August 25, it was decided to form five separate workgroups that would focus specific topics relating to the update of the RTP Guidelines. The workgroups will allow for more detailed discussion on complex issues concerning how MPOs will address SB 375 in the development of future RTPs. Our objective is to assure integration and efficiency of regional, state, and federal review cycle for the regions RTP.

The RTP Sequencing and Adoption Workgroup will review how the update of the RTP Guidelines document should address the following issues:

1. How is state and federal review impacted by air quality non-attainment areas required to address conformity?
2. When should MPO's submit their GHG reduction methodology to ARB for review?

3. How can federal/state review of the environmental document for the RTP avoid late issues?
4. What are the **critical** path items to expedite review of the RTP, environmental document, and conformity assessments?
5. When will MPOs submit the SCS to the ARB for approval/rejection of the determination that the SCS will meet the GHG reduction targets– this state-level approval process is more complicated for non-attainment MPOs requiring a federal conformity determination. This additional process will require a new level of coordination between the FHWA/U.S. EPA and ARB. So, should the interagency consultation process for conformity be broadened to allow early review of the MPO GHG reduction methodology?
6. How would ARB rejection of an GHG reduction methodology impact the adoption of an RTP by an MPO board?
7. If review of the SCS method is required by the State ARB board of directors can these reviews be scheduled within the 60 day review period.
8. How will rejection of an SCS by ARB impact non-attainment MPOs? What are their options?
9. If review of the APS is required by the State ARB board of directors can these reviews be scheduled within the 60 day review period? Can the staff sign off on early conceptual reviews?
10. Does the APS impact air quality conformity assessments?
11. How should the RTP Guidelines address and explain various scenarios concerning ARB acceptance/rejection of an SCS and federal review process?

Next Scheduled Teleconference:

Monday, September 21, 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM