

Transportation Conformity

Reference Links

- Transportation Conformity: A Basic Guide for State and Local Officials, FHWA(Direct to: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air_quality/conformity/guide/)
- Examples of Transportation Conformity Practices, FHWA(Direct to: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air_quality/conformity/practices/)
- Training, FHWA(Direct to: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air_quality/conformity/training/)
- Air Quality Planning for Transportation Officials, FHWA(Direct to: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air_quality/publications/air_quality_planning/index.cfm)
- Environmental Guidebook - Air Quality, FHWA(Direct to: <http://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/guidebook/results.asp?selSub=83>)
- The Transportation Planning Process: Key Issues, FHWA(Direct to: <http://www.planning.dot.gov/documents/briefingbook/bbook.htm#4BB>)

Areas designated as air quality nonattainment or maintenance areas for the transportation-related pollutants have special meaning to transportation professionals. Transportation improvements projects in these areas must undergo a rigorous analytical process to demonstrate that they do not negatively impact air quality.

Transportation conformity ("conformity") is a way to ensure that Federal funding and approval goes to those transportation activities that are consistent with air quality goals. Conformity applies to transportation plans, transportation improvement programs (TIPs), and projects funded or approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in areas that do not meet or previously have not met air quality standards for ozone, carbon monoxide, particulate matter, or nitrogen dioxide. These areas are known as "nonattainment areas" or "maintenance areas," respectively. Regulations governing transportation conformity are found in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93).

Please visit the FHWA Transportation Conformity website for detailed information.

Long Range Transportation Planning

- LRP-1 - Approve Scope of LRTP Process
Information provided about conformity deadline and emissions budget, as well as available technical data related to conformity.
- LRP-2 - Approve Vision and Goals
This key decision is not associated with application.
- LRP-3 - Approve Evaluation Criteria, Methods and Measures
Interagency consultation on the regional emissions analysis and other topics.
- LRP-4 - Approve Transportation Deficiencies
This key decision is not associated with application.
- LRP-5 - Approve Financial Assumptions
This key decision is not associated with application.
- LRP-6 - Approve Strategies
This key decision is not associated with application.
- LRP-7 - Approve Plan Scenarios
This key decision is not associated with application.
- LRP-8 - Adopt Preferred Plan Scenario
This key decision is not associated with application.
- LRP-9 - Make Conformity Determination by MPO
In nonattainment and maintenance areas for the transportation-related pollutants, transportation conformity analysis is done in order to determine that the preferred scenario meets current conformity requirements.
- LRP-10 - Adopt LRTP by MPO
This key decision is not associated with application.
- LRP-11 - Make Conformity Determination
In nonattainment and maintenance areas for the transportation-related pollutants, FHWA/FTA must make a Federal conformity determination.

Programming

- PRO-1 - Approve Revenue Sources
This key decision is not associated with application.
- PRO-2 - Approve Methodology for Identifying Project Costs and Criteria for Allocating Revenue
This key decision is not associated with application.
- PRO-3 - Approve Project List Drawn from Adopted Plan Scenario or Solution Set
This key decision is not associated with application.
- PRO-4 - Approve Project Prioritization
This key decision is not associated with application.

- PRO-5 - Reach Consensus on Draft TIP
This key decision is not associated with application.
- PRO-6 - Adopt TIP by MPO
Make conformity determination.
- PRO-7 - Approve TIP by Governor and Incorporate into Draft STIP
This key decision is not associated with application.
- PRO-8 - Reach Consensus on Draft STIP
This key decision is not associated with application.
- PRO-9 - Approve STIP with respect to Fiscal Constraint
This key decision is not associated with application.

Corridor Planning

- COR-1 - Approve Scope of Corridor Planning Process
This key decision is not associated with application.
- COR-2 - Approve Problem Statements and Opportunities
This key decision is not associated with application.
- COR-3 - Approve Goals for the Corridor
This key decision is not associated with application.
- COR-4 - Reach Consensus on Scope of Environmental Review and Analysis
This key decision is not associated with application.
- COR-5 - Approve Evaluation Criteria, Methods and Measures
This key decision is not associated with application.
- COR-6 - Approve Range of Solution Sets
This key decision is not associated with application.
- COR-7 - Adopt Preferred Solution Set
This key decision is not associated with application.
- COR-8 - Approve Evaluation Criteria, Methods and Measures for Prioritization of Projects
This key decision is not associated with application.
- COR-9 - Adopt Priorities for Implementation
This key decision is not associated with application.

Environmental Review/NEPA Merged with Permitting

- ENV-1 - Reach Consensus on Scope of Environmental Review
Relevant data provided about air quality, including emissions budgets and potential partnerships.
- ENV-2 - Approve Notice of Intent
This key decision is not associated with application.
- ENV-3 - Approve Purpose and Need/Reach Consensus on Project Purpose
Information provided about air quality context for the region, including the status of conformity, to inform the definition of purpose and need.
- ENV-4 - Reach Consensus on Study Area
This key decision is not associated with application.
- ENV-5 - Approve Evaluation Criteria, Methods and Measures
Interagency consultation on project-level analysis.
- ENV-6 - Approve Full Range of Alternatives
This key decision is not associated with application.
- ENV-7 - Approve Alternatives to be Carried Forward
This key decision is not associated with application.
- ENV-8 - Approve Draft EIS with Conceptual Mitigation
This key decision is not associated with application.
- ENV-9 - Approve Resource Agency Public Notice
This key decision is not associated with application.
- ENV-10 - Approve Preferred Alternative / LEDPA
This key decision is not associated with application.
- ENV-11 - Approve Final Jurisdictional Determination
This key decision is not associated with application.
- ENV-12 - Reach Consensus on Avoidance and Minimization for the LEDPA
This key decision is not associated with application.
- ENV-13 - Approve Final EIS
Draft project-level conformity determination.
- ENV-14 - Approve the Record of Decision
Final project-level conformity determination.
- ENV-15 - Render Permit Decision and Approve Avoidance and Minimization
This key decision is not associated with application.