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Advertisements Announcing Opportunities for Public Comment on Air Quality Conformity Determination

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From: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2011 11:42 AM
To: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization - Opportunity for Public Comment on two draft Documents

This message tells about public comment opportunities for the update of the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and the Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD). Both are regional transportation planning documents produced by the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). There is a hearing and a public comment period for both draft documents. The deadline for comments 5:00 PM Monday, January 9, 2012

The Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the federally designated regional transportation planning organization for the Eugene-Springfield-Coburg area. The MPO is updating its short range transportation plan and the air quality analysis:

MTIP is the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program

The MTIP lists projects from the Regional Transportation Plan that can be funded within 2-4 years. It tells how our area plans to use local, state and federal dollars to build and operate projects.

The MTIP includes:

- Transit and transit-related improvements
- Highways and roadways
- Bicycle and pedestrian projects
- Other surface transportation improvements

AQCD is the Air Quality Conformity Determination

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Opportunities to Comment

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Public Hearing

Metropolitan Policy Committee

Thursday, December 8, 2011

11:30 AM

Eugene Public Library, Bascom-Tykeson Room

100 West 10th Avenue, Eugene

Website: www.theMPO.org

Email: mpo@lcoq.org

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859 Willamette Street, Suite 500
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(Please note: our office is closed over the noon hour.)

Want to review the draft documents?

Click www.theMPO.org or go to the Eugene or Springfield Public Library.

Need more information?

Call Paul Thompson, Senior Planner, Lane Council of Governments, 541.682.4405.

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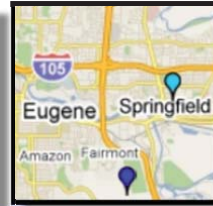
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Current Projects (MTIP 2010-2013)



Long-Range Projects (RTP 2025)



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RTP Upcoming Events

Public Comment deadline - Dec. 5, 2011
MPC Final Action on Plan - Dec. 8, 2011

Click on the RTP Update image above for more information



MTIP Upcoming Events

Public Hearing - Dec. 8, 2011
Public Comment deadline - Jan. 9, 2012
MPC Discussion on Final Draft Plan - Jan. 12, 2012

Click on the MTIP Update image above for more information

The Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is updating its **Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD)**.


AQCD Upcoming Events

Public Hearing - Dec. 8, 2011
Public Comment deadline - Jan. 9, 2012
MPC Discussion on Final Draft Plan - Jan. 12, 2012


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News and Events

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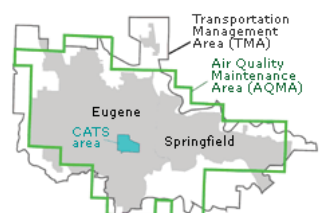
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In response to the Clean Air Act, the Environmental Protection Agency has established health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for six air pollutants: particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5), ozone, carbon monoxide (CO), sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, and lead. Areas that fail to meet the NAAQS are designated "non-attainment" and are required to develop plans to come into compliance with the standards.



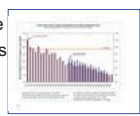
Air Quality Boundaries within the Central Lane MPO TMA

Transportation conformity is a way to ensure that Federal funding and approval goes to those transportation activities that are consistent with the NAAQS. 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 various pollutants. A conformity determination demonstrates that the total emissions projected for a plan or program are within the emissions limits ("budgets") established by the State Implementation Plan (SIP), and that transportation pollution control measures are implemented in a timely fashion.

The Eugene-Springfield region has only two pollutants for which air quality conformity must be determined: particulate matter of less than 10 microns (PM10) and carbon monoxide (CO). The region is currently classified as [non-attainment](#) for PM10. Since it has been established that emissions from motor vehicles are not a significant contributing factor to overall PM10 emissions, *regional transportation conformity* is not required. Air quality conformity for PM10 must be demonstrated by [Lane Regional Air Protection Agency](#) (LRAPA). There has not been an exceedance of PM10 standards since 1987.

In 1994, the Eugene-Springfield area was classified as in [attainment](#) of the air quality standard for the pollutant carbon monoxide (CO) the majority of which is emitted by motor vehicles. The region is currently in the required 20 year maintenance period during which continued compliance with the Clean Air Act has to be demonstrated. There has not been an exceedance of the CO standards since 1980. Transportation conformity determinations must be made by the Central Lane MPO at least every three years, or when transportation plans or TIPs are updated. A public comment period and a public hearing are held before the MPO policy board adopts a conformity determination.

The most recent air conformity determination was approved for the 2031 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the FFY08-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program on January 16, 2008. Analysis indicates that CO levels will continue to decline under current transportation plans and policies. [Measurements made by LRAPA](#) confirm that CO levels are well within the federal air quality standards.





Project Level Conformity. Hot spot CO analysis is required for all non-exempt projects within the AQMA. Further, within Lane County, LRAPA requires an [indirect source](#) permit for new construction or modifications of certain road, airport and parking facilities. Hot spot PM10 analyses are required for all projects within the Eugene-Springfield urban growth boundary.

Downloads:






Essentials of Air Quality Conformity: [in English](#), [en Español](#) (17 KB PDF )

*Draft Conformity Determination - FFY12-15 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan - **The Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is updating its Conformity Determination.** Click [here](#) for more information.*





[Complete Document](#), with maps and appendices (7.4MB PDF )

[Report](#) (without maps and appendices, 585KB PDF )

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- [Map 3](#). 2012-2015 Projects (1.8 MB PDF )
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- [Map 5](#). 2035 Bike/Ped Projects (415 KB PDF )
- [Map 6](#). 2035 Transit Projects (1.9 MB PDF )
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