

Appendix H

Public/Agency Comments and Responses

PUBLIC NOTICE

REVIEW AND COMMENT HEARING GASTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S AMENDED 8-HOUR OZONE CONFORMITY ANALYSIS AND DETERMINATION REPORT

The Gaston Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GUAMPO) has published for public review a draft amended 8-Hour Ozone Conformity Analysis and Determination Report Demonstrating Conformance of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan with the 2009-2015 North Carolina Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The draft report will be available for public comment for thirty days (July 23, 2010 thru August 23, 2010). Copies of the GUAMPO's report are available for review in the Gastonia Planning Department located on the 2nd floor of the Garland Center - City Hall Annex, 150 South York Street, Gastonia, NC 28052, Gaston County Main Library and its branches and at the city/town halls or County Administrative offices of the following jurisdictions: Gastonia, Gaston County, Belmont, Bessemer City, Cramerton, Dallas, Lowell, McAdenville, Mount Holly, Randle, Stanley.

You can also find more information at our website: www.gastonmpo.org

Comments may be sent by mail, email, or fax, to the following address:

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All comments must be received by the close of business, August 23, 2010. Additional information is available from the Gaston MPO and can be obtained by contacting Bernie Yacobucci, Gaston MPO staff at 704-854-6604.

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Sworn to, and subscribed before me this 23 rd day of July, 2010.

Tina McCombs, Notary Public



My Commission Expires July 4, 2012

Yacobucci, Bernie

From: Edward.Dancausse@dot.gov
Sent: Friday, August 13, 2010 11:50 AM
To: Yacobucci, Bernie
Cc: Graham, Hank; Loretta.Barren@dot.gov; Unwanna.Dabney@dot.gov; Keith.Melton@dot.gov; smith.dianna@epa.gov; Edward.Dancausse@dot.gov
Subject: FHWA Comments on the Gaston Draft CDR
Attachments: METRO DRAFT FINAL CDR_Template 7 22 10.pdf - Adobe Acrobat Pro_ LB.pdf

Bernie,

We have a couple of minor comments (for clarity on these comments see the attached file):

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Please provide you responses to these comments (if you agree and have incorporated these comments let us know via email).

Please include these comments and your reply to comments in the appropriate appendix in the CDR.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks
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Yacobucci, Bernie

From: Smith.Dianna@epamail.epa.gov
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2010 10:05 AM
To: Edward.Dancausse@dot.gov
Cc: Yacobucci, Bernie; Edward.Dancausse@dot.gov; Graham, Hank; Keith.Melton@dot.gov; Loretta.Barren@dot.gov; Unwanna.Dabney@dot.gov
Subject: Re: EPA Comments on the Gaston Draft CDR
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EPA does not have any comments...

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Cc: <hankg@cityofgastonia.com>, <Loretta.Barren@dot.gov>, <Unwanna.Dabney@dot.gov>, <Keith.Melton@dot.gov>, Dianna Smith/R4/USEPA/US@EPA, <Edward.Dancausse@dot.gov>
Date: 08/13/2010 11:59 AM
Subject: FHWA Comments on the Gaston Draft CDR

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Cc: Graham_Hank; smith.dianna@epa.gov; Loretta.Barren@dot.gov
Subject: FW: GUAMPO Plan Amendment Review
Date: Wednesday, August 11, 2010 10:58:05 AM

Bernie,

Please include this email in the appropriate appendix in the CDR.

Eddie

From: Hildebrandt, Heather [mailto:heather.hildebrandt@ncdenr.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2010 9:52 AM
To: Dancausse, Edward (FHWA)
Subject: GUAMPO Plan Amendment Review

Eddie,

I have just completed the review of the conformity analysis of the first amendment to the Gaston Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2035 Plan. This involved the modification of the Garden Parkway project. I do not have any comments or concerns with the analysis. The analysis is complete and demonstrates that the emissions from the roadway networks from the amended plan do not exceed the budgets as set. Therefore, I believe the Division of Air Quality can support a finding of conformity on this amended plan.

I have submitted the DAQ letter of support for signature. Once I receive the signed letter back, I will distribute copies to all interested parties.

****PLEASE NOTE MY NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS****

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