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## **I. Background**

This document presents the work program for the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) to be carried out between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017. It describes the work to be carried out by the staff of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) that is directly funded in this work program, as well as the in-kind contributions of the state air quality management agencies from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. The tasks outlined in this work program are designed to ensure a regional approach to meeting the federal health standards for ground-level ozone and fine particle matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) in the Washington metropolitan region. Through the activities described for the coming year, several important steps will be taken towards improving the air quality of the region and meeting the deadlines required by the Clean Air Act.

### **Certification of the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee**

The authority of MWAQC is derived from the certifications made by the Governors of Maryland and Virginia and the Mayor of the District of Columbia pursuant to Title I, "Provisions for Attainment and Maintenance of National Ambient Air Quality Standards," of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (section 174, 42 U.S. Code 7504).

### **Mission of Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee**

The primary responsibilities of MWAQC are development of regional carbon monoxide (CO), ozone, and PM<sub>2.5</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) plans for meeting the federal health standards for the criteria pollutants for which the Washington, DC-MD-VA region has been designated nonattainment. The air quality plans developed by MWAQC are provided to the States for incorporation in the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for submittal to EPA.

### **Air Quality Classifications of the Washington Metropolitan Region**

#### Ozone Standard<sup>1</sup>:

EPA designated the metropolitan Washington region as moderate nonattainment for the 8-hour ozone NAAQS in January 2004. The SIP adopting all the requirements for moderate nonattainment areas was submitted in June 2007. The region met the June 15, 2010, deadline to meet the 1997 8-hour ozone standard.<sup>2</sup> In 2008 EPA announced a new ozone standard of 75 ppb. The geographic scope of the region includes the Metropolitan Washington Region defined as follows: Montgomery, Prince George's, Frederick, Charles, Calvert Counties in Maryland; Fairfax County, Arlington County, City of Alexandria, City of Falls Church, City of Fairfax, Prince William County, Loudoun County, City of Manassas, City of Manassas Park in Virginia; and the District of Columbia.

In 2009 EPA approved the Reasonable Further Progress portion of the region's 2007 ozone state implementation plan. The approval established a 2008 Motor Vehicle Emissions budget for use in transportation conformity analysis.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> One-Hour Ozone Standard: The Washington region's air quality met the one-hour ozone standard by the region's deadline of November 2005, although EPA revoked the standard earlier in the year and, therefore, no longer made findings of attainment for the one hour ozone standard. In July 2008 EPA published a notice in that the Washington region attained the one-hour ozone standard by its deadline of November 2005.

<sup>2</sup> Federal Register, Vol.77, no. 39, February 28, 2012, 11739.

<sup>3</sup> Federal Register: September 4, 2009 (Volume 74, Number 171)]

In March 2008 EPA promulgated a new ozone standard of 75 ppb based on new evidence that ozone at lower levels has serious health effects. The states in the Metropolitan Washington region recommended to EPA that the region be designated as not attaining the 2008 ozone standard based on monitor data.<sup>4</sup> In 2009 EPA announced it would reconsider the 2008 ozone standard. In January 2010 EPA proposed to lower the ozone standard to the range of 60-70 ppb.<sup>5</sup> EPA postponed announcement of the revised ozone standard until July 2011, at which time the President decided to keep the 2008 standard of 75 ppb. EPA reviewed the 2008 standard and published, in January 2014, a second external review draft of the policy assessment for the review of the 2008 ozone NAAQS.

In May 2012 EPA designated the Washington, DC-MD-VA Metropolitan Area as “Marginal” nonattainment for the 2008 ozone standard. The Washington region and all Marginal nonattainment areas have a deadline of the end of the summer of 2014 to attain the 75 ppb standard. In 2015, the region requested a one-year extension in order to meet the standard. Draft data from 2013 – 2015 shows the region is meeting the standard and will move forward to officially redesignate the region to attainment.

In October 2015, EPA issued a final rule to revise the ozone standard to 70 ppb. States will provide their designation recommendations to EPA by October 2016, most likely based on 2013 – 2015 data. EPA will make their designations by 2017 using 2014 – 2016 data unless they chose to wait for additional data. If EPA chooses to wait for additional data, they must publish designations by 2018.

#### PM<sub>2.5</sub> Standard (“Fine Particles”):

EPA designated the metropolitan Washington region as nonattainment for the 1997 annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS (15.0 micrograms per cubic meter, µg/m<sup>3</sup>) in January 2005. The state implementation plan adopting all requirements for the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard was submitted in 2008.<sup>6</sup> The geographic scope of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS Washington region nonattainment area is the same as for the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS, with the exception of Calvert County, Maryland. In December 2008 EPA announced that the monitors in the Washington region showed compliance (“Clean Data”) with the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS.<sup>7</sup> Due to monitoring data showing compliance with the 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS, which reduced the daily standard to 35 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, EPA designated the region attainment for that standard. Therefore, no attainment planning is required for the 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS.

On December 14, 2012, EPA announced a revised PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS, which lowered the annual standard to 12.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. The Metropolitan Washington region’s level of fine particles for 2011 and 2012 are below the 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS, so the region currently meets the 2012 standard. The region does not have any planning requirements for the 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS.

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<sup>4</sup> Federal Register, Vol.73, no. 60, March 27, 2008, 16436-16513

<sup>5</sup> Federal Register, Vol. 75, No.11, January 19, 2010, 2938-3053.

<sup>6</sup> Federal Register, Vol. 70, No. 3, January 5, 2005, 948-1018.

<sup>7</sup> Federal Register, Vol. 74, No. 7, January 12, 2009, 1146-1148.

In spring 2013 MWAQC and the States requested EPA to redesignate the Washington region to attainment of the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS. In September 2014, EPA redesignated the area as in attainment.

#### Carbon Monoxide Standard:

The Washington region met the carbon monoxide (CO) standard in 1995. In 2004 a maintenance plan submitted to EPA demonstrated the standard will be maintained until 2016. MWAQC and the States are currently working with EPA to understand what requirements within the 2004 CO maintenance plan continue to apply to the region beyond March 2016, which is the sunset date for the 2004 maintenance plan.

#### SO<sub>2</sub> Standard:

EPA revised the primary SO<sub>2</sub> standard, published in the Federal Register on June 22, 2010, by establishing a new 1-hour standard at a level of 75 ppb. In January, 2016, air agencies submitted to EPA a list identifying the specific sources in the state around which SO<sub>2</sub> air quality is to be characterized. In July 2016, EPA's SO<sub>2</sub> Data Requirements Rule mandates that states supply information on the approach to characterizing air quality around each source. These approaches could include monitoring, modeling, a combination of monitoring and modeling, or implementing permit limits. EPA published two draft guidance documents for this purpose, which provide guidance for conducting monitoring and modeling analysis for attainment designations. EPA is encouraging states to submit modeling analyses and updated designation recommendations by January 13, 2017. By December 2017, the EPA intends to issue final designations for areas with modeled violations. If states chose to characterize air quality for certain SO<sub>2</sub> sources through ambient monitoring then they must have any relocated and/or new monitors operational by January 1, 2017. Designations based on three years of monitoring data (2017 through 2019) would be completed in 2020.

#### NO<sub>2</sub> Standard:

EPA's final NO<sub>2</sub> standard was published on January 25, 2010. It establishes a 1-hour nitrogen dioxide standard at the level of 100 ppb. The current annual average NO<sub>2</sub> of 53 ppb is unchanged. In urban areas, monitors are required near major roads as well as areas where maximum concentrations are expected. In January 2012 EPA determined that no area in the country is violating the 2010 national air quality standards for nitrogen dioxide. The areas have been designated as "unclassifiable/attainment." EPA is working with the state and local air agencies to put in place additional NO<sub>2</sub> roadside monitors that were required. The monitoring network was expected to be operational in 2013, but in March 2013, EPA issued a rule revision requiring states and local agencies to begin operating the roadside NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring network in phases between January 1, 2014 and January 1, 2017. This amends the 2010 rule that originally required all new NO<sub>2</sub> monitors to begin operating on January 1, 2013. Designations will be revised once three years of data from the roadside monitors is available. The states have primary responsibility for developing the required planning documents for the 2010 NO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS.

#### **Membership on MWAQC**

Membership on MWAQC consists of representatives from twenty-two member local governments within the non-attainment area, as well as the Directors or their designees from the state air quality management agencies and state transportation agencies, representatives

of state legislatures, and the Chair of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB). MWAQC's bylaws allow for the expansion or contraction of MWAQC membership, depending on the geographic scope of the designated nonattainment area. Stafford County, Virginia, participated on MWAQC for the 1-hour ozone standard, but is not part of the 1997 or 2008 8-hour ozone nonattainment area.

### **Organizational Structure of MWAQC**

MWAQC adopted by-laws which established a position of Chair and three Vice-Chairs, and it has several standing subcommittees or special supporting committees including an Executive Committee, a Technical Advisory Committee, and a Public Advisory Committee. The Technical Advisory Committee has several standing subcommittees: Conformity, Attainment Modeling, Forecasting, Emissions Inventory, and Local Government Initiatives Subcommittee.

Officers of MWAQC are the Honorable Brianna Nadeau, Chair (Council of the District of Columbia); Honorable Michael DeMarco, Vice Chair (Council, City of Fairfax); and Honorable Hans Reimer, Vice Chair (Council, Montgomery County). Elections of officers were held on January 27, 2016.

### **Interstate Air Quality Council**

The Interstate Air Quality Council (IAQC) is a cabinet-level collaboration between the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland and the Commonwealth of Virginia. It is comprised of the secretaries of the environment and transportation. IAQC resolves difficult issues if needed to ensure the mutual goals of improved air quality and efficient transportation are met.

### **Staff Support to MWAQC**

The lead role for administrative and technical support to MWAQC is held by the staff of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Major additional complementary technical staff support is provided by the staffs of the state air quality management agencies. During 1996, MWAQC established a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) which formally broadened its staff support to include local government technical staff as well as staff representing the state transportation agencies. The 2016 TAC is chaired by Tom Ballou, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

## **II. FY 2017 MWAQC Work Program Objectives**

MWAQC and the states will work towards redesignating the region as attainment for the 2008 ozone NAAQS and lay the ground work for designations of the revised ozone standard. The region will also implement the revised 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> maintenance plan. Control measures will be evaluated on their ability to cost-effectively reduce ozone precursors: NO<sub>x</sub> and VOC. For control programs that may provide co-benefits by reducing SO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub> or greenhouse gas emissions, those reductions may also be quantified. The core work program will also provide technical support for implementing local government air quality initiatives.

In FY 2017 MWAQC Core Program objectives:

- Develop redesignation request and maintenance plan for the 2008 ozone NAAQS.
- Track and develop clean data for the 2015 ozone NAAQS. Assist the States with designation recommendations.

- Implement revised 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Maintenance Plan, including activities in Appendix C of the revised maintenance plan.
- MOVES2014 model revisions and implementation.
- Review and comment on transportation conformity assessments for ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub>.
- Work with the Region Forward Coalition, TPB, CEEPC, and COG to identify and coordinate opportunities to advance strategies identified in the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan (RTPP).
- Identify cost-effective control measures to meet the requirements of attaining current and future ozone standards.
- Develop and implement Multi-Sector Workgroup action plan with ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> co-benefits.
- Coordinate air quality planning with state and local Clean Energy Programs.
- Communicate to regional leaders and the public on actions needed to improve air quality.

### **Role of COG/MWAQC Staff**

The lead role for administrative and technical support to MWAQC is held by COG/MWAQC staff. Close collaboration between MWAQC staff and the state air agencies will be necessary to review and revise SIP inventories as needed for ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub>, potential control measures, and calculation of necessary reductions needed to meet the standards. MWAQC staff will hold monthly calls with the state air agencies to coordinate work tasks and use of resources. As in the past, MWAQC staff will work closely with COG's Department of Transportation Planning staff on mobile emissions inventory and conformity issues.

### **MWAQC Meeting Frequency**

Five MWAQC meetings are proposed during the 12-month period. The Committee will review and discuss policy implications of federal guidance and proposed revisions of NAAQS for ozone, and take actions such as commenting on guidance and policies recommending and approving SIP revisions for approval as needed for the region and reviewing designation criteria and regional data.

This document is intended to guide the activities of MWAQC through the twelve month period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. In subsequent sections the reader will find detailed descriptions of the seven major work program areas that are included in this work program. The seven major work areas are presented in more detail as tasks in the work program. The core work areas are as follows:

1. Emissions Inventory Development
2. SIP/Multi-Sector Strategy Development
3. Local Measures
4. Transportation Conformity/Mobile Emissions Analysis
5. Public Participation
6. MWAQC Support
7. Program Management

Costs for each of the above tasks are also included along with more detailed descriptions in Section III of this document.

The states and COG staff will meet periodically to discuss the work program status once contracts have been executed. COG will report quarterly on expenses. With the consent of the Chair of MWAQC and/or the Executive Subcommittee, in consultation with the states and concurrence of the funding agencies, specific subtasks may be delayed, new tasks or subtasks added or substituted, or existing tasks or subtasks modified in scope. These actions would only take place as long as EPA deadlines as interpreted by MWAQC are achieved.

### III. FY 2017 Work Program Task Descriptions

Following is a detailed description of the seven major work program areas.

#### 1. Emissions Inventory Development (\$50,479)

The 2008 ozone standard is 75 ppb. Draft data for the period 2013 - 2015 show the region is meeting the standard and, therefore, the region has agreed to prepare a redesignation request and maintenance plan for the 2008 ozone NAAQS. Staff will develop emissions inventories to include any required revisions to the 2011 base year inventories and develop new attainment year inventories, intermediate and out year inventories. Staff will coordinate with state air agency staff to receive and review MOVES2014a inputs, will develop MOVES2014a meteorology inputs, and review MOVES2014a inputs and emissions inventories developed by TPB staff. Staff will coordinate with MWAQC-TAC to determine the appropriate years for the inventories and prepare the inventories for submission. Staff will work with the states to identify the range of control measures and voluntary actions that may be needed for future year inventories.

Staff also will participate in Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) and Mid-Atlantic Region Air Management Association (MARAMA) to support inventory development and keep track of various VOC and NO<sub>x</sub> control measures being adopted by states to reduce ozone. Identification of control measures and voluntary actions will help in attaining any future tougher ozone NAAQS.

Attainment modeling for ozone SIPs will be conducted by Regional Planning Organizations such as the OTC. Staff will participate in and track larger scale attainment modeling efforts at OTC and regional modeling centers in OTC states. Staff will participate in quarterly modeling research meetings held by the University of Maryland and MDE staff. VADEQ is also actively participating in the OTC modeling effort and will provide inputs as needed to evaluate and understand the results of available modeling exercises. COG staff will present informational briefings on the results of modeling exercises to TAC and MWAQC.

#### Deliverables:

- a) Develop base, intermediate, attainment, and out year inventories, needed as part of the redesignation request and maintenance plan for the 2008 ozone standard
- b) Plan for designation of the 2015 ozone standard
- c) Identify Actions Needed for Inventories
- d) Emissions Inventory Subcommittee Calls
- e) Meetings of UMD/MDE Modeling (RAAMP)

#### Deadline:

May 2017

Ongoing

May 2017

As needed

Quarterly

## **2. SIP/Multi-Sector Strategy Development (\$47,924)**

The main focus areas will be ozone planning and identifying cost-effective control measures. MWAQC will plan to meet Clean Air Act and EPA requirements for having the area redesignated to attainment for the 2008 ozone standard. The Metropolitan Washington region is classified as “marginal” nonattainment for the 75 ppb standard and draft data shows it has met the standard by the July 2016 deadline. The region will move forward to designate the area as attainment and prepare a redesignation request and maintenance plan.

Consistent with Appendix C in the revised PM<sub>2.5</sub> Maintenance Plan, the jurisdictions in the Washington DC-MD-VA region will work to adopt new environmental or energy efficiency based regulations or voluntary measures. The region will work with EPA to demonstrate the feasibility of (and get SIP credit for) achieving reductions across the entire region from market forces that will result in cleaner products being distributed across the entire region even when the regulations driving the cleaner products have only been adopted in a part of the region. Some actions to comply with the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS also have the co-benefit of reducing ozone levels. Additionally, staff will work with state and local governments to identify actions to help the area comply with and maintain compliance with both updated ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS.

Staff will coordinate with OTC/MARAMA ozone precursor pollutant inventory development and photochemical modeling. Staff will also work with the States to lay the groundwork for designation of a revised ozone standard. With a revised ozone standard announced in October 2015, staff will provide support for the designation and planning process related to the revised ozone standard.

As directed from COG’s Multi-Sector Working Group and COG Board, staff will develop and implement recommended actions. Actions will be cost-effective, viable, and implementable by local and state jurisdictions in each four sectors (Energy, Transportation, Land Use, Built Environment), and include co-benefits for criteria pollutants. Staff will facilitate further discussions among MWAQC member agencies and COG committees, such as TPB Technical Committee and Built Environment Energy Advisory Committee, on the findings and potential implementation actions included in the recommendations of the Multi-Sector Working Group. Staff will communicate the results to MWAQC stakeholders and seek MWAQC’s review and action based on MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee recommendations.

Staff will work with the Region Forward Coalition, TPB, CEEPC, and COG to identify opportunities to advance the strategies identified in the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan (RTPP) for region-wide implementation.

Staff will quantify benefits from Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy programs and projects (EERE) for potential inclusion in future SIPs. Staff will coordinate efforts with the state and local energy offices and state air quality agencies. Projects will be analyzed in terms of providing benefits for NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, and CO<sub>2</sub>.

Staff will follow changes in requirements for monitoring networks, such as near-road monitors. Staff will review and brief MWAQC on proposed federal and state regulatory initiatives affecting the region and develop comment letters as required.



Staff will track legislation and regulatory actions that affects air quality in the Washington region. Staff will provide information and a forum for coordinating public policies that affect air quality among the state air and energy agencies and local governments in the region.

<b>Deliverables:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>
a) Develop proposed 2008 ozone standard redesignation request and maintenance plan for public comment	May 2017
b) 2015 ozone standard designation recommendations	October 2016
c) Develop potential strategies to reduce ozone precursors and identify potential co-benefits from the Multi-Sector Greenhouse Gas emission reduction measures	May 2017
d) Track implementation of state and local control measures	Ongoing
e) Reports on State Legislative Activity	As needed

### **3. Local Measures (\$28,000)**

MWAQC staff will promote local government actions to reduce ozone precursors by highlighting and prioritizing state and local measures in the Regional Action Plan. Staff will provide technical expertise, in cooperation with the states, to assist local governments in the development of strategies and programs to reduce emissions of ozone precursors, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and co-benefits for greenhouse gases and to provide a methodology for calculating and reporting evidence of actions taken. Staff will help with the measurement and evaluation of local measures to be potentially included as voluntary and/or supplemental measures in a SIP if required for a new ozone standard.

Also as part of this initiative, staff participates with groups such as the regional Tree Canopy Workgroup that focuses on regional tree canopy management, the Electric Vehicle Workgroup and similar efforts that will help reduce emissions.

MWAQC staff will work with the state and local air agencies and departments of transportation, TPB staff, and COG Department of Community Planning and Services staff to develop enhanced communication tools for consideration of criteria pollutant and carbon dioxide emissions in planning processes.

<b>Deliverables:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>
a) Update Local Measures and Regional Action Plan	Ongoing
b) Regional Workgroups	As Scheduled
c) Identification of best practices for communicating Criteria and CO <sub>2</sub> emissions in planning processes	June 2017

### **4. Transportation Conformity/Mobile Emissions Analysis (\$174,539)**

During FY 2017, the TPB will be executing the Air Quality Conformity Determination of the 2016 CLRP & FY2017-22 TIP (expected to be approved by the TPB in November 2016). There is a possibility that the TPB might perform an “off-cycle” conformity analysis.

MWAQC staff will review and comment on the inputs, outputs, and MRS files for the conformity analysis for the 8-hour ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> standards. With respect to non-travel related MOVES model inputs, MWAQC staff will coordinate with states to acquire Inspection & Maintenance

programs parameters and fuel supply and formulation characteristics. MWAQC staff, in coordination with the states, will review such data for accuracy and for MOVES-ready format compliance. In addition, MWAQC staff will obtain, review and process meteorology data and upon organizing them into a MOVES-ready format will transmit such data to DTP for direct incorporation into the air quality conformity MOVES model runs. Upon execution of the MOVES model runs, TPB staff will forward the input, output and MRS files of the milestone years of the conformity analyses to MWAQC staff for review and approval.

The Conformity Subcommittee may choose to review regional transportation conformity work and participate in the TPB interagency consultation process. Upon request by the TPB and the TPB Technical Committee, staff may provide briefings on EPA rulings, new air quality standards, and guidance as they apply to conformity in the Washington region.

In addition to the above work activities, MWAQC staff will also work closely with state air and transportation agencies and COG TPB staff to continue to transition to and develop inputs for the MOVES2014a model.

<b>Deliverables:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>
a) Comment on Transportation Conformity Analysis	October 2016
b) Provide Briefings and Written Reports to TPB and TPB Technical Committee	As needed
c) MOVES2014a Revisions and Implementation	As needed

## **5. Public Participation (\$59,586)**

### Task 1: ACPAC

Staff will support the Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee (ACPAC), an advisory committee to MWAQC and to the Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEP), by attending meetings, providing program support, and briefing the committee on EPA regulations, air quality progress, air quality planning issues, environmental justice, and proposed actions of MWAQC. As approved at the January 2016 MWAQC meeting, ACPAC will develop an environmental justice toolkit to inform the education, outreach, and policy work of MWAQC and its stakeholders. ACPAC will meet approximately eleven times in 2016-2017. The ACPAC Chair will participate in MWAQC and MWAQC TAC meetings as needed, and will work with staff to report on the Committee's deliberations and recommendations as a regular part of MWAQC meetings.

### Task 2: Air Quality Reporting and Outreach

MWAQC leadership, COG/MWAQC Air Quality staff and COG Public Affairs staff will meet with the media, particularly environmental reporters and editorial boards, to inform them about air quality issues and progress. Staff will make periodic reports about the air quality challenge associated with the current and future NAAQS, current emissions and related air quality trends to the COG Board of Directors, Chief Administrative Officers' Committee and to member local governments as requested. The goal of the outreach program is to inform decision-makers about air quality issues and challenges. This task also covers COG staff time to respond to media inquiries or support the MWAQC leadership in responding to media inquiries.

**Deliverables:**

- a) Environmental Justice Toolkit
- b) ACPAC Meetings
- c) Member Recruitment
- d) Response to Media Inquiries
- e) Prepare Press Releases, Articles, Blogs

**Deadline:**

December 2016  
 11 meetings as scheduled  
 November - December  
 Ongoing  
 As needed

**6. MWAQC Support (\$113,611)**

MWAQC Support includes staff support for MWAQC meetings, MWAQC Executive Committee and the TAC meetings. MWAQC will hold four to five regular business meetings to discuss regulations, guidance and legislation about air quality issues affecting the Washington region and whether or not to comment or act on proposed plans.

The TAC will meet monthly, with frequent subcommittee meetings. The Executive Committee will continue to meet monthly, more frequently if needed.

**Deliverables:**

- a) MWAQC Meetings (4-5)
- b) MWAQC Executive Ctte Calls
- c) Technical Advisory Ctte Meetings

**Deadline:**

As scheduled  
 Monthly (no August meeting)  
 Monthly (no August meeting)

**7. Project Management (\$49,478)**

Staff will prepare a draft work program and budget for the fiscal year 2018. Staff will work with the MWAQC Budget Subcommittee and MWAQC to get an approved budget in the spring before the fiscal year begins. Staff will provide quarterly financial and status reports to track the progress of implementing the approved work program and budget. Staff will hold monthly calls with the state air agencies to coordinate use of resources and progress on the SIP.

Staff uses information technology extensively in performing analyses, completing written summaries, downloading information and data from EPA, and the Internet for a variety of research needs. Contribution to computer support for project staff and management systems is accounted for in this task. Efforts to provide materials on the Internet may also fall under this task.

**Deliverables:**

- a) State Air Agency Coordination Calls
- b) Quarterly Expense and Progress Reports
- c) MWAQC Budget Committee
- d) Draft MWAQC FY2018 Work Program and Budget
- e) Adopt MWAQC FY2018 Work Program and Budget

**Deadline:**

Monthly  
 Quarterly  
 Meetings, calls as needed  
 February 2017  
 May 2017

#### IV. Funding Sources and Projected Budget

The MWAQC Work Program for FY 2017 is a 12-month work program and budget for the period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

The MWAQC bylaws adopted in October 2004 include a funding formula that allocates contributions to the MWAQC budget by thirds, 1/3 from state air agencies, 1/3 from state transportation agencies, and 1/3 from local governments (Table 1). The budget for the core work program is a total of \$523,617. The state air agencies, the state and local departments of transportation and the Transportation Planning Board, and the Council of Governments will each contribute \$174,539. The funding by task is shown in Table 2. The MWAQC bylaws also state that “nothing shall preclude additional sub-regional efforts to be added to the work program at the request and expense of individual state agencies and local governments.”

Note that the funding from the TPB to support air quality planning and conformity is contingent upon TPB’s approval of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY 2017 which is scheduled for March 2016.

**Table 1**  
FY 2017 MWAQC Funding Contributions by Source

Source	Approved FY 2016	Requested FY 2017	Change
COG member jurisdictions	\$174,539	\$174,539	
State DOT/TPB*	\$174,539	\$174,539	
State Air Agencies			
DOEE	\$21,446	\$21,484	+\$38
MDE	\$76,950	\$77,223	+\$273
VDEQ	\$76,143	\$75,832	-\$311
States. Subtotal	\$174,539	\$174,539	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$523,617</b>	<b>\$523,617</b>	<b>0</b>

\*TPB funding is contingent on approval of the Unified Planning Work Program for FY 2017. The amount of funding will be confirmed in September 2016.

**Table 2**  
**FY 2017 Air Quality Core Work Program Tasks**  
**(Breakdown of Costs by Type)**

<b>Work Program Tasks</b>	<b>COG staff (\$)</b>	<b>Consultants(\$)</b>	<b>Direct (\$)</b>	<b>Total Cost (\$)</b>
<b>1. Emissions Inventory Development</b>	48,479		2,000	\$50,479
<b>2.SIP/Multi-pollutant Strategy Development</b>	47,324		600	\$47,924
<b>3. Local Measures</b>	27,700		300	\$28,000
<b>4. Transportation Conformity/Mobile Emissions Analysis</b>	174,539		0	\$174,539
<b>5. Public Participation</b>	54,986		4,600	\$59,586
<b>6. MWAQC Support</b>	103,111		10,500	\$113,611
<b>7. Project Management</b>	48,478		1,000	49,478
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$504,617</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$19,000</b>	<b>\$523,617</b>