

What is "conformity"?

- "Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards."

- Transportation Conformity Rule
40 CFR Part 93, Summary

Conformity Section of the State Implementation Plan (Air Quality)

- Outline of procedures for coordination and cooperation between air quality planning and transportation planning
- Does not change the policy making authority of either the Wasatch Front Regional Council or the Utah Air Quality Board

Coordinating Air Quality Plans

- "The implementation Plan... shall be prepared by an organization certified by the State, in consultation with elected officials of local governments... , State transportation planning agency, the metropolitan planning organization designated to conduct the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process... ."

- Clean Air Act Sec. 174

Coordinating Transportation Plans

- "States shall provide well-defined consultation procedures in the implementation plan whereby representatives of the MPOs, State and local air quality planning agencies, State and local transportation agencies, ... consult with each other and with... EPA, FHWA, and FTA on the development of the implementation plan, the transportation plan, the TIP, and associated conformity determinations."

- Transportation Conformity Rule
40 CFR 93.105(2)(b)(1)

Conformity SIP Summary

- MPO involved in SIP development
- DAQ involved in Plan, TIP, and Conformity determination
- MPO Air Quality Committee is primary forum for coordinating MPO and DAQ
- MPO approves TCMs prior to DAQ adding TCMs to SIP
- Memorandum of Agreement between MPO and DAQ required to enforce Conformity SIP guidelines

Authority for Transportation Control Measures

- "... only projects included in the Federally approved STIP shall be eligible for funds administered by the FHWA or the FTA."

- Statewide Transportation Planning Rule
23 CFR 450.222(a)

TCM Priority

- Conformity requires that nothing in transportation plan interferes with TCM implementation
 - ▶ TCMs are on schedule established in SIP
 - ▶ if behind schedule, TCMs are given maximum priority to approval or funding over other projects.

- Conformity Rule, CFR 93.113

Air Quality Committee Members

- WFRC
- UDOT
- UTA
- DAQ
- Air Quality Board
- County Health
- City/County Planners
- Elected Officials
- EPA
- FHWA
- FTA
- Others as needed

**Wasatch Front Regional Council
Transportation and Air Quality Planning Structure**

