Vision for Clean Air
A Transportation Perspective
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Transportation Perspective

• Regulations
• Voluntary Measures
• Opportunities
Roles of Federal Highway Administration

- Coordination with USEPA, IDOT, EW Gateway MPO, others
- Federal requirements
- Federal funding opportunities
• Ozone & PM 2.5 Nonattainment areas
  – Madison County
  – St. Clair County
  – Monroe County

Vehicle Emission Test Program
  - Zip code based testing in Illinois
Transportation projects must “conform” to the State’s air quality goals.
Projects cannot cause new violations of the standards, worsen existing violations or delay timely implementation of the AQ standards.
Includes Ozone & PM 2.5 locally.
Voluntary Programs

• Regional Voluntary programs -
  – Saint Louis Regional Clean Air Partnership
  – EW Gateway – Air Quality Task Force
  – Partners for Clean Air – Northeastern Illinois
  – Peoria – Air Quality Task Force
  – Quad Cities – Bi-State Clean Air Partnership
• Partners for Clean Air – Northeastern Illinois
  – Formed in 1995 – hundreds of business, government, non profits, health organizations & citizens
  – Media campaign – prizes for pledge to take actions on Ozone Action Days
  – Superhero appearances – Breathe Easy Man
Peoria Clean Air Action Committee

- Conducted Health Forum
- Ozone Standard concerns
- Committee established locally
- Central Illinois Car Pool – ciCarpool
  – Interactive carpool matching website
- “Make Outdoor Air Visible” Strategic Plan
- Member Recruitment Campaign
- Air Quality Task Force meetings
- Ozone & PM 2.5 concerns
 FHWA-It All Adds up to Cleaner Air Materials

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- Voluntary air quality program materials
- Can be used by state and local governments and others at no cost
- High quality materials
- Consistent messaging – can be used for paid or free media placement
- www.italladdsup.gov
Funding Opportunities

- Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality
- Transportation Alternatives
  - Safe Routes to School
  - Transportation Enhancement
  - Recreational Trails
- Funds available in nonattainment areas to reduce air pollution
- The Illinois portion of the metro area receives about $3 million annually
- Projects are requested through the EW Gateway MPO through the county & IDOT
- Cost benefit is done – projects include bike/ped, highway, transit & outreach
Transportation Alternatives
Federal Funding

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- Competitive Programs:
- Safe Routes to School – bike/ped projects (Illinois DOT) – K-8 schools
- Transportation Enhancement – bike/ped, multi-modal (IDOT & EW Gateway MPO)
- Recreational Trails (Illinois DNR)
Illinois Center for Transportation

- Seeking innovative solutions
- Call for research ideas including:
  - Environment
  - Planning
- University of Illinois or other researchers
- Website [www.ict.illinois.edu](http://www.ict.illinois.edu)
• Improve Transportation System Efficiency/Greenhouse Gas  
  – Ex. Anti-idling, congestion pricing  
• Reduce travel Activity  
  – Ex. Reduce VMT, increase occupancy, mode shift  
• Introduce Low Carbon Fuels  
  – Ex. Alternative fuels  
• Increase Fuel Efficiency
Final Thoughts

1. Get involved with local Saint Louis Regional Clean Air Partnership voluntary program
2. Inform your constituencies about Air Pollution Action Days
3. Apply for funding in your communities to help to clean the air