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MEETING SUMMARY
MARYLAND CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY GROUP
Transportation and Land Use Technical Work Group
(TLU TWG)

Call #4, October 23, 2007

Attendance:

Technical Working Group: Uri Avin, Nancy Floreen, Michael Replogle, Pam Parker, Jocelyn Rawat

Maryland Department of Environment: Tad Aburn, Liz Entwisle, Brian Hug

Maryland Department of Transportation: Howard Simons

Center for Climate Strategies (CCS): Sean Mulligan, William Schroeer, Theresa Silla, Jim Wilson

New Members: Pete Gutwald (Director of Planning Harford County)

Public Attendees: (none)

Background documents: (http://www.mdclimatechange.us/GHG_Transportation.cfm)

1. Meeting Notice and Agenda
2. PowerPoint for Teleconference
3. TLU Balloting Results

Discussion items and key issues:

1. Call to order and roll call
2. Review agenda for the call
3. Discuss balloting results
4. Accept/Modify ballot results
5. Agenda, time and date for next meeting & subsequent TWG meetings
6. Public input and announcements

Objectives

1. Review the ballot results and ensure that all TWG members agree on the proposed bundles. Amend/Remove options to ballot results if necessary.
2. Finalize option bundles for MWG October 26th meeting.
3. Plan conference call #5 and in-person meeting at MDE headquarters.

Balloting Results

CCS explained the process that was used to compile the member's ballots. Upon receiving the ballots from TWG members, CCS tallied the votes for each option by person in an Excel spreadsheet. The bundles were assembled by looking for commonalities among TWG member's suggested bundles. There was collaboration

between TWG members in assembling bundles, making this task simple. Ten bundles were assigned as “High Priority”, having 3+ votes, and three bundles were “Medium Priority”, having 2 votes each. No members objected or amended any of the proposed bundles.

It was explained that medium priority bundles are only analyzed after all of the high priority options have been analyzed. However, if you want to work on a medium priority item yourself (or can recruit a small group) then feel free.

It was agreed that high priority items will be forwarded, unchanged, to the MWG for their October 26th meeting.

Early Action Items

- Brian Hug and Tad Aburn from MDE attended the conference call and commented on the TLU TWG Early Action Items.
- Brian explained the purpose of these items and how they are integrated into the bigger picture; a report presented to the Governor and legislature to aid in developing legislation.
- Brian asked that the TWG summarize the Early Action Items as best they can, even if the TWG does not know what specific programs would be implemented.
- Tad Aburn commented that the MD Commission on Climate Change wanted to use money from a Fuel Tax for CO₂ and GHG specific programs. Furthermore, Tad commented that the only negative comment towards the TLU Early Action Items was concerning ethanol based fuels (Low Carbon Fuel Standard). There is concern about the potential effects of ethanol on water quality in the Chesapeake Bay. Therefore, the Low Carbon Fuel Standard had the worst reception of all the early action items.
- The plan is to spend half an hour on each TWG at the October 26th MWG meeting.

Future Meetings

- The TWG agreed to hold conference call #5 Tuesday, November 6th from 12:30-1:30 pm. The main purpose of this teleconference will be to develop sub-groups to flush out each of the high priority options into full policy options.
- TWG members agreed to meet at MDE headquarters on Monday, November 26th starting at 9am. At this meeting, the subgroups will present the policies they developed.

Next steps and agreements:

1. The next TWG conference call will be held on **November 6th, 2007 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm EST**. The purpose of this call will be to update the TWG on the results of the October 26th MWG meeting and to assign subgroups.
2. CCS will forward unchanged ballot results to the MWG.
3. CCS will contact TWG members with information on forming subgroups to work on straw proposals for the November 26th in-person meeting at MDE.