



www.mdclimatechange.us

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

Call #5, November 6, 2007

Attendance:

Technical Working Group: Nancy Floreen, Jocelyn Rawat, Michael Replogle, Lise Van Susteren, Sara Tomlinson

Maryland Department of Environment: Renee Fizer

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments: Jeffrey King

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

Public Attendees: (none)

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

1. Meeting Notice and Agenda
2. PowerPoint for Teleconference
3. TLU Straw Proposal Template

Discussion items and key issues:

1. Call to order and roll call
2. Review agenda for the call
3. Review results of 10/26/07 MWG meeting
4. Explain straw proposal process and finalize groups
5. Next steps for the MWG and TLU TWG
6. Agenda, time and date for next meeting & subsequent TWG meetings
7. Public input and announcements

Objectives

1. Review the additions/modifications to the TLU proposed policy options.
2. Form subgroups to develop Policy Proposals before Nov. 26th meeting.

Mitigation Workgroup Input

CCS explained that the MWG approved all 10 of the TLU proposed policy options. Furthermore, they added TLU-11: Evaluate the GHG Emissions Impacts of the ICC and Alternatives. There was discussion about the appropriateness of the name of this policy option. CCS explained that there was clear discussion that the MWG wanted the name to contain "Intercounty Connector". It was confirmed by other TWG members who attended the MWG meeting that there was interest in having "ICC" in the policy

name. Further discussion on TLU-11 occurred and TWG members volunteered to forward relevant information (i.e., previous studies) about the ICC and its environmental impact to CCS.

Straw Proposals

- CCS reviewed the Straw Proposal Template that had been sent out and explained the Policy Proposal process. The draft policy option templates included individual Policy Descriptions, but need to have the Policy Design sections filled in by the TWG members.
- The subgroups are responsible for qualifying the Policy Options while CCS is responsible for quantifying.
- The TWG suggested that CCS complete the initial Policy Design information for the Straw Proposals that can be reviewed by the entire group. CCS agreed to make a first cut and then distribute to the TLU TWG for everyone to review. The TWG members will be responsible for refining the language used.
 - A TWG member asked CCS about the appropriate level of detail for the Policy Options write-ups. Using TLU-3 (Transit) as an example, CCS explained that it must be detailed enough so that accurate GHG emissions benefits and associated costs (or savings) can be estimated. The MWG cannot give the Governor a report that says “We need more Transit” without providing estimates of the associated cost/benefit. The example goal provided was “double transit provision across all modes”.
- The TWG agreed to not form subgroups because of the small number of members. Members agreed that it would be more effective for everyone to be part of the process and if disagreements occur, a conference call will be scheduled of the whole group to resolve them.
- CCS agreed to have the Straw Proposal Draft finished and sent out to TWG members within two weeks, so all members would have ample time to review and improve before the next meeting.
- There was also a question raised about the CO₂ emissions mobile budget portion of TLU-2. It was explained that the concept was similar to transportation conformity mobile budgets for VOC and NO_x.

Future Meetings

CCS reminded the TWG that the next meeting is in person on Monday, November 26, 2007 will be at MDE Headquarters in Baltimore, MD. The meeting will start at 9am. Directions and more information will be sent out and posted to the website before Thanksgiving. At this meeting, the TLU TWG will work on the Straw Proposals for the November 30th MWG meeting.

The TWG agreed that the next conference call will be December 12th starting at 12pm. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the results of the Nov. 30th MWG meeting and to further develop the Straw Proposals.

Next steps and agreements:

1. The next TWG meeting will be held on **November 26th, 2007 starting at 9am EST.**
2. CCS will provide a first draft of the Policy Design section of the Straw Proposals to TLU TWG members.
3. TWG members will elaborate on the Straw Proposals draft and have additions ready to be discussed at the Nov. 26th meeting.
4. CCS will contact TWG members with directions to MDE for the November 26th in-person meeting.
5. TWG members should send MD-relevant transportation studies for the 11 TLU policy options to Will via email.