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

Teleconference Call #13, May 1, 2008

Attendance:

Technical Working Group: Pam Parker, Michael Replogle, Nancy Floreen

Maryland Department of Environment: Liz Entwisle, Paul Lang

Center for Climate Strategies (CCS): Jackson Schreiber, William Schroeer, Theresa Silla, Jim Wilson

Public Attendees: None

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

- [Meeting Notice and Agenda](#)
- [Summary of Call #12](#)
- [PowerPoint for Meeting](#)
- [TLU Policy Options](#)

Discussion items and key issues:

Call to order and roll call

Review and approve prior meeting summary

- Previous Meeting Summary has been approved.

Agenda for Today's Meeting

- Today's meeting is meant to finalize all of the options.

Review recommendations from April 23 MWG meeting

- TLU 4, 6, 11 are have all been approved, and will not need to be covered at this meeting. All other items should be finalized after this meeting.
- TLU 1, 5 and 8 are the items that need the most attention from the TWG.

Finalize and approve straw proposal quantification

- TLU Area 1
 - o The TWG had many suggested revisions to the first five pages (Introduction) of the POD.

- The information on reducing VMT's contribution to emissions 20% from 2020 baseline needs to be folded into the table of measured policy options. This VMT reduction goal will be integrated with TLU-2.
- The TWG also indicated that the separate TLU Area 1 heading at the top of page 2 is confusing and should be deleted.
- The table at the bottom of page 3 as well as the information at the top of the page is confusing and needs to be replaced with clear declarative sentences and perhaps supporting bar graphs or similar graphics.
- The reductions from BAU chart needs to be revised to more clearly show the 25 and 50 percent reduction levels.
- A number of alternatives for presenting the GHG emission reductions from individual policy options were discussed, but in the end it was decided to leave the estimates as they are. Text will be added to the Introduction to stress that Maryland needs to implement these policies to the level that we have in our analysis in order to achieve these estimated GHG emission reductions.
- The TWG agreed that all of the individual policy options listed under Area 1 are valuable and should be adopted by the state, and that the items have significant overlapping benefits. It was recommended that they be implemented as a group, rather than as individual items.
- TLU 1 – Carbon Fuel Tax Fund
 - The TWG recommended that TLU 1 be folded into TLU 9. “Incentives, Pricing and Resource Measures” is the recommended new title of TLU 9.
 - MDOT information about their transit program spending and plans should be added to page 10.
- TLU 5 – Intercity Travel
 - Will Schroerer circulated a case study analysis of the Baltimore Freight Rail Bypass for consideration as a guide for TLU-5 quantification.
 - The POD will focus on actions that would remove MD-specific bottlenecks, but will also mention the need to pursue similar changes up and down the East Coast. Michael Replogle provided a contact name at the America 2050 Coalition for CCS to follow-up with.
 - CCS will revise TLU-5 to include quantification of GHG reduction and costs. The Policy Description reference to high speed rail will be revised.
- TLU 8 – Bike and Pedestrian Infrastructure
 - CCS will beef up the existing analysis with information about the percentage of car trips of 3 miles or less (which are targets for bike and ped trips), add recent literature citations and any information from walking and cycling groups.
- TLU 9 – Commuter Choice and Other Pricing Measures
 - Recent revisions approved by the TWG.
- TLU 10 – Transportation Technologies
 - Recent revisions approved by the TWG.

TWG Next Steps

- The next step is a MWG on 5/8, from 8-10am EDT, to discuss outstanding TLU and ES policy options.
- CCS will post a revised POD by Monday, May 5 so that people have time to review it before the meeting.

Public input and announcements

- No Comments