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MEETING SUMMARY
SOUTH CAROLINA CLIMATE, ENERGY AND COMMERCE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

Transportation and Land Use (TLU) Technical Work Group (TWG)

Call #2, June 12, 2007, 11:00 AM -12:30 PM

Attendance:

1. Technical Working Group members:
L Lanneau Siegling; Hugh Weathers; John Gardner; Susan Richards; Wendy Bell;
John Hartz; Dell Isham; Barry Beasley; Erika Hartwig; Mark L. Robertson
2. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS) staff:
Will Schroeer; Wendy Messenger
3. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC):
Michael Juras, Agency Liaison
4. South Carolina Agency Observers:
Leslie Coolidge; Chris Cooley
5. Public Attendees: None.

Background documents:

(all posted at http://www.scclimatechange.us/Transportation_Land_Use.cfm)

1. Meeting Notice and Agenda
2. PowerPoint for Teleconference
3. CC Draft Catalog of State Actions

Discussion items and key issues:

CCS welcomed the group and conducted roll call.

The TWG member roster will be posted shortly to the website.

Agenda today is to discuss the catalog of state actions.

3 main policy levers in transportation and land use: Reduce carbon content of fuel, reduce activity that burns fuels, or improve efficiency of engines. Divide within those into passenger and freight as well.

1.1.1 performance based standards seem better than any technology options because the bottom line is to reduce emissions

Suggestion to add “private” to 1.1.1 – Tail pipe emission standards

Need glossary

SC and Columbia is touting itself as hydrogen capital

Need to look at full cycle of production, because energy is used to make hydrogen

Add lowering the speed limit to option 1.2.1

Emissions inspections for York County were deemed to be economically unfeasible for air quality

Increased capacity – things like turn lanes, etc. – can possibly be considered under TSM, but that will be decided as the policy option becomes more detailed.

Will be happy to clarify and add examples to the policy options if you send CCS the language.

No states have yet suggested a SUV scrappage program, but the idea is out there.

More compact development will result in less vehicle miles traveled, if nothing else but because won't have to go as far. We are chewing up the land use (forests) that is reducing CO2. Addition to catalog – enhance existing land conservation efforts. Compact, mixed-use development instead of smart growth, and incentives for that.

State version of NEPA

Ability to add options – hold this open for a while. Email to CCS and it will be presented to larger committee.

Leave separate – can combine going forward. (marketing and service improvement)

Add van pools for state employees.

SC only state that owns their school bus fleet. Should add option about new technologies – should be highlighted.

Add idea about emissions during the construction of buildings

Not sure we should be advocating type of fuel over other – rapid changing technology and make quickly be outpaced. Standard should be for GHG emissions and create incentives for reductions. Favoring the choice distorts the market. Propose a new option that reflect this language.

State fuel for Biodiesel – all was passed except for grant and loans program.

Send by new options and language by Thursday – send out email and word version of document.

Public Input:

None

Next Meeting:

- Date TDB

Meeting to continue discussion of catalog of policy options, and begin prioritization.

Will schedule TLU TWG calls to be 2 hours. Ask members to start preparing for calls.