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**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA CLIMATE, ENERGY AND COMMERCE ADVISORY**  
**COMMITTEE**

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

Call #8, December 12, 2007, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM

**Attendance:**

1. Technical Working Group members attending:  
Brian Barnes, Kay Clamp, Kim Diana Connolly, John Gardner, John Hartz, Dr. Arlene Prince, Rick Todd (represented by Bill Ross)
2. Technical Working Group members not attending:  
Rep Ben Hagood, Lanneau H. Siegling, Hugh Weathers, Brad Wyche, Barry Beasley, Wendy Bell, Erika Hartwig, E. Bruce Morgan, Rusty DePass, Dell Isham, Mark L. Robertson, and Rick Todd
3. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS) staff:  
Will Schroeer; Theresa Silla
4. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC):  
Michael Juras, Agency Liaison
5. South Carolina Agency Observers:  
Doug Freight (SC DOT)  
Diana Leckey (SC DOT)  
Johnny Manuikie (SC DOT)
6. Public Attendees:

**Background documents:**

(all posted at [http://www.scclimatechange.us/Transportation\\_Land\\_Use.cfm](http://www.scclimatechange.us/Transportation_Land_Use.cfm))

1. Meeting Notice and Agenda
2. Draft Summary for Call #7
3. PowerPoint for Teleconference

**Discussion items and key issues:**

CCS welcomed the group.

Roll call was conducted.

Summary of Call #7 was presented. There were no questions from the TLU TWG members.

CECAC discussion related to the TLU Policy Options presented at the CECAC November 30<sup>th</sup> meeting was presented:

TLU Option 4: Improve Development Patterns

CECAC requested that the TLU TWG specify factors that correlated with VMT and steps to be taken by agencies to address these factors in their planning.

TLU Option 6: Alternative Fuel Infrastructure

CECAC requested additional discussion regarding 25% tax increase and requested for a justification. There was a brief discussion regarding the 25% reference and the Volunteer Working Group for the TLU Option decided to schedule a follow meeting to further discuss the CECAC comments.

TLU Option 11: Increased Fuel Tax (with use of revenue for travel alternatives)

New title requested by the CECAC as a fuel tax increase is not likely to win a lot of political support. The title suggested is Explore Available Resources for Funding Road Maintenance and Mass Transportation. As such, the Volunteer Working Group is encouraged to think about options other than the fuel tax for this particular TLU Policy Option.

Other discussion points under TLU 11:

- Legislation under consideration includes a re-designation of 16c on the current gas tax, tax based revenue for transit plans, and flexibility at the local levels to use tax.
- January commission meeting will include a presentation of the multi-modal plan from the SC DOT. Plan will be made available online at that time. Commission meetings are generally scheduled for the third Thursday of the month.

TLU Option 14: Rail

Approval from the CECAC to develop a policy option on Rail and present policy design considerations to the CECAC for their review.

Other discussion points under TLU 14:

- Volunteer Working Group to make an effort to reach out to contacts in the rail industry to ensure representation and experience in the group.
- Paucity of comprehensive studies on rail discussed.
- Expectation that high speed rail study to come out in a month or two, which may be too late to reference in the policy option before the next CECAC meeting.
- Additional discussion on legislation and ongoing activities around rail discussed included:
  - o Bill currently with the SC Senate to create study on rail
  - o Federal funding for transportation options that reduce energy consumption

- Relocation of rail to improve freight and passenger service in City of Greer, SC as well as other small initiatives and studies underway.

Volunteer Working Group identified to develop TLU-14:

- John Hartz (Co-ordinator)
- Doug Freight (SC DOT)
- John Gardner
- Rick Todd (interest to be confirmed as Mr. Todd was not in attendance)
- Rail Contact (to be determined)

#### Next Steps

CCS requested the assistance of the TLU TWG in locating studies on emissions impact, costs and benefits that are particular to South Carolina. Discussion focused on ancillary costs and the society-wide costs.

#### **Public Input:**

None

#### **Future Meeting Dates:**

Call 9: Friday, January 18, 2008 10:00 – 12 Noon

Call 10: Friday, February 08, 2008, 10:00 – 12 Noon