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MEETING SUMMARY
SOUTH CAROLINA CLIMATE, ENERGY AND COMMERCE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

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

Call #9, January 18, 2008, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM

Attendance:

1. Technical Working Group members attending:
Rep Ben Hagood, Brad Wyche, Brian Barnes, Barry Beasley, 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:
E. Bruce Morgan, Lanneau H. Siegling, Hugh Weathers, Wendy Bell, Rusty DePass,
Erika Hartwig, Dell Isham, Mark L. Robertson.
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 Lackey (SC DOT)
Johnny Manuikie (SC DOT)
6. Public Attendees:

Background documents:

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

1. Meeting Notice and Agenda
2. Draft Summary for Call #8
3. PowerPoint for Teleconference
4. Updated Policy Option Description Document

Discussion items and key issues:

CCS welcomed the group.
Roll call was conducted.

Future Meeting Dates:

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

- Request from TLU TWG member to move meeting from the February 8th or February 12 or 13 if Rep Ben Hagood's Legislation Session calendar will allow for the move.

Call 11: Wednesday, March 12, 2008, 10:00 – 12 Noon

- Request from Ben Hagood to move March 12 meeting which conflicts with Legislation Sessions.

Summary of Call #8 was presented.

There were no questions from the TLU TWG members.

CECAC discussion related to the TLU Policy Options presented at the CECAC November 30th 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. Discussion centered around expansion land use policies that are in place and approved and likely to affect the next 10 years of development activity.

Suggestions to affect VMT included designing walk-able, connected retail complexes, setting parking cap at 2 spaces per 100 square feet instead of the current 4 spaces.

- TLU Option 6: Alternative Fuel Infrastructure

CECAC requested additional discussion regarding 25% tax increase and requested a justification. This was addressed by the volunteer working group and new language was included in the Policy Option Description document that was distributed to the TLU TWG.

- 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.

- 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. Volunteer Working Group working to propose a policy option by the next meeting date.

Quantification results were discussed:

- TLU-01: Adopt California Clean Car Standards
Latest development in the Federal CAFE standards has to be incorporated in the baseline. This updated baseline will be available for review at the next meeting of the TLU TWG.

- TLU-04: Improve Development Patterns:
There was not much of an impact. Discussion as to whether something more aggressive should be proposed to the CECAC.

- TLU-05: Transit & Bike-Pedestrian
This was quantified as part of TLU-04 because the stated goals were identical and supposed to support one another. Discussion as to whether there should be an independent goal for TLU-05.

- TLU-06: Alternative Fuel Infrastructure:
This was quantified as part of TLU-12 because the infrastructure is designed to allow for the implementation of TLU-12. TLU TWG confirmed that this was intended.

- TLU 12: Low GHG Fuel Standard
Results were presented.

- TLU-11: Explore Available Resource for Funding Road Maintenance and Mass Transportation
Request by DOT to change tax to user fee in the Policy Options Descriptions. Discussion around elasticity used to quantify affect of levying a user fee on gasoline as the reduction in demand that was witnessed over the last year when gasoline prices increased dramatically.

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