

## **DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY**

### **Montana Climate Change Advisory Committee**

**Meeting #3  
Billings, Montana  
December 14, 2006**

----- summary of CCAC discussion on TLU policy priorities

#### **Transportation Land Use**

Lewison Lem presented the set of Policy Priorities for further analysis that were recommended by the TWG based upon the balloting of TWG members. CCAC members asked questions and made suggestions about changes and additions to the list of TLU policy priorities.

- TLU 1 – Light Duty Vehicle GHG Emissions Standards  
No objections were raised.
- TLU 2 – CO2 vehicle usage fees.  
Suggestion was made to broaden the category to include more different types of financial instruments, which could include a CO2 tax.
- TLU 3 – Urban Infill and Brownfield Redevelopment
- TLU 4 – Transit Oriented Development
- TLU 5 – Smart Growth Planning and Tools
- TLU 6 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure
- TLU 7 – Expand Transit Infrastructure and Service  
Suggestion was made to bundle TLU 3-7 into one policy. In other states the bundle was referred to as “Smart Growth Bundle,” but the suggestion was made to refer to the bundle in Montana as the “Growth and Development” bundle.
- TLU 8 – Low GHG Fuel Standard  
No objections were raised
- TLU 9a – Biofuel Expansion: Ethanol blends for Light Duty Vehicles  
No objections were raised. One CCAC member noted that the emphasis should be on locally owned businesses producing Montana fuels, and reducing carbon impact of fuel production.
- TLU 9b – Biofuel Expansion: Biodiesel blends for Heavy Duty Vehicles  
No objections were raised
- TLU 10 – Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Development  
No objections were raised

Further discussion and suggestions for additional transportation and land use policies ensued. There was high interest in anti-idling programs for vehicles, procurement of

efficient vehicle fleets, and low rolling resistant tires. Lewison noted that each of these policies received at least one vote but were not among the highest vote-getters.

- Gloria asked whether reduction in vehicle back-hauling could be considered as an additional policy for consideration.
- Sue asked about pay at the pump insurance. Lewison noted that it was in the catalog as pay as you drive insurance but only received one vote.
- David asked whether there had been consideration of lawn mowers and other vehicles like snowmobiles. Lewison noted that the emissions from mowers is likely low, but that a category of 'off-road' vehicles could be considered.
- Several CCAC members expressed support for truck docking, where trucks can plug into electrical power rather than idling their engines when at truck stops. Lewison stated that this would be included in the anti-idling option.
- Gloria suggested that we consider recommending devices in vehicles that report MPG as vehicles are being operated. Lewison suggested that as a consumer information action, it could be blended in another policy that provided consumer information about vehicle mileage.
- Transportation system management was suggested, and Lewison indicated that the option received some votes and so could be considered further.
- One member asked about driver's education on energy efficiency. Lewison indicated that this option was on catalog list initially but did not receive sufficient votes from the TWG members to make it a high priority.
- One member asked about electric vehicles, and the potential for state tax credits. Lewison indicated that this could be included as part of TLU 1 and TLU 2.
- One member asked about conversion of traffic lights to LED technology, and the group agreed that this should be included among the RCI options.
- One member asked about enforcing speed limits. Lewison indicated that this could be considered under Transportation System Management.
- Gary Perry asked about aerodynamics for heavy duty vehicles. Lewison indicated that this would be good to consider.
- Gary Perry also suggested that aircraft emissions could be considered, and asked what the State of Montana could do. It was suggested that this group could remember some federal action.

Following discussion of these suggestions, the CCAC voted on the additional proposals for policy priorities for further analysis for the transportation and land use sectors. The results of the voting were the following:

- TLU – 11: Anti-Idling and Truck Docking
  - No objections
- TLU – 12: Procurement of Efficient Fleet Vehicles
  - No objections
- TLU – 13: Low Rolling Resistance Fuel Efficient Tires
  - No objections
- TLU – 14: Pay as you Drive Insurance
  - 9 votes in objection, so the policy measure does not advance
- TLU – 15: Transportation System Management
  - No objections
- TLU – 16: Reduced Emissions from Vehicle Backhauling
  - No objections
- TLU – 17: MPG devices for the car
  - No objections, proposed to be bundled with other consumer information measures
- TLU – 18: Off-Road Engines and Vehicles
  - No objections
- TLU – 19: Aircraft Emissions statement
  - No objections
- TLU – 20: Fuel Taxes for GHG emission reduction
  - No objections, proposed to be bundled with TLU -2
- TLU – 21: Driver Education
  - No objections, proposed to be bundled with other consumer information
- TLU – 22: Vehicle Technology for Heavy Duty Vehicles
  - No objections

