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DRAFT TELECONFERENCE MEETING SUMMARY
TLU Technical Working Group
Call #10, April 26, 2007

Members Attending:

Matt Elsaessar
Sandra Straehl
Tim Davis

Montana DEQ: Jim Boyer, Cyra Cain, Lou Moore
Center for Climate Strategies: Lewison Lem, Jeff Ang-Olson, Tiffany Batac
Other Attendees: Dick Turner (MDT)

Background documents:

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

Agenda Item#1: Introductions and Roll Call.

CCS conducted roll call and reviewed agenda items for this call.

Agenda Item#2: Review and Approval of Call #9 Meeting Summary.

Call Summary #9 was reviewed and approved. Comments from Tim Davis regarding TLU-5 and comments about changes in draft policy document from Cyra Cain will be emailed to the group.

Agenda Item#3: Review Remaining TLU Policy Options.

CCS reviewed and discussed the remaining options (TLU 13, 5, 6, 10, 11). The following outlines the discussion and suggestions for revisions of the remaining policy options:

TLU-13: Aviation

- Cyra Cain offered to research and provide comments on federal work related to this policy option and send it back to the group.

TLU-5: Growth and Development Bundle

- Jeff Ang-Olson reviewed updates and developments of TLU-5. Members of the TWG reviewed the email from Tim Davis suggesting the addition of three bullet

- points. The group also reviewed MDT's commitment of funds and research performed by MDT.
- TWG agreed upon the three bullet points in Tim Davis' email. Those points will be inserted in the implementation section under "access management and cooperative planning."

TLU-6: Low Carbon Fuels Standard

- Cyra Cain would like to see "a percentage of the market" or even "incentivize" rather than a mandate or requirement.
- Members would like to see more research and investigation performed to determine feasibility.
- It was clarified that the earlier version of this policy draft was a biofuels option where there was some discussion of 10-, 15-, and even 20% biofuels by 2020. This newer version addresses the ultimate goal to reduce GHG emissions – a performance standard that is fuel neutral – which other states are also looking into, not just California.
- Lou Moore explained that little has happened in the last twenty years in the state with Ethanol. Biodiesel may have more promise with Chester opening and running in the summer.
- Lou Moore suggested to set a strong goal instead of a mandate to provide more clout in legislature.
- Sandra Straehl asked if the TWG can pull the goals from AFW and insert them into TLU-6. Lewison Lem noted that the AFW group may be focused on production in Montana but the question here is how much will the transportation be able to consume?
- Proposal to use similar numbers to AFW, but add "if or as becomes available" and set a goal to complete a feasibility report by 2008.
- Another proposal was made to establish a committee after this process between the state and fuel providers to address these issues.
- Lou Moore will look into Federal grants.
- Lou Moore would also like to ensure that the state is not producing what they cannot ensure quality on. Add to "fuel quality standards" bullet to specifically address "ASTM standards."

TLU-10: Transportation System Management

- Dick Turner responded to Candi Beaudry's comments on TLU-10. Most of the policy language is already committed and being implemented to some extent.
- 3rd bullet point: leave language as originally drafted (2/28 version).
- 4th bullet point: the department already updated 75% of signals with LED light bulbs. The question here would be how much this particular initiative can contribute to GHG emissions reductions.
- 5th bullet point: Dick Turner responded to that comment and changed 2010 to 2012.
- Candi Beaudry raised larger issue of state policy addressing GHG reduction in transportation plans.

- Sandra Straehl commented that if conformity requirements kick in at the federal level it would help with conformity requirements at the local level, but local governments are already doing as much as they can.
- MDT will look into the emissions reductions from roundabouts and consult with their modelers to see if this would be possible.
- Jeff Ang-Olson suggested the possible use of the Beta version of “Moves” which accounts for CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O.
- Proposal to move this policy option forward to full committee without quantifications but let them know that it is in process. Quantifications for this policy will be needed after the next full CCAC meeting on May 11.

TLU-11: Intermodal Freight Efficiencies

- Implementation of this policy will depend on the research study. MDT will carry out the research study and implement the recommendations that come out of that report.
- Quantifications were performed with the assumptions of an increase in intermodal, beginning with one train and up to four trains by 2020.
- TWG members agreed that the state would support improvements to any intermodal facility in MT, not just in Shelby; agreed that the state could hold discussions with any railroad in an effort to expand intermodal service, not just BNSF; and agreed that the quantification methodology is acceptable at this stage.

Agenda Item#4: Scheduling of Next TWG Call/Meeting.

Next TWG Call/Meeting will be scheduled after the next CCAC meeting. The next CCAC meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2007 in Helena.

Agenda Item#6: Public Input and Announcements.

None.