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## AIR AND CLIMATE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 8, 2018  
5:30 - 7:00 P.M.

### DRAFT CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER, AGENDA, MEETING SUMMARY APPROVAL AND INTRODUCTIONS

*Gretchen Goldman, ACPAC Chair*

The meeting agenda was approved with no changes. Everyone introduced themselves.

## 2. VISUALIZE 2045: THE REGION'S LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

*Jane Posey, TPB Staff*

Visualize 2045 is a different kind of long-range plan for the region. One piece, the constrained element, is federally required and will include all the projects, programs and policies that are expected to be funded through 2045. Visualize 2045 will also include unfunded projects and priority aspirational elements including the five initiatives identified by the TPB's Long-Range Plan Task Force, plus bicycle and pedestrian, freight elements, and more.

The Constrained Element (known as the Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan) is updated annually with a more thorough update every four years. The Constrained Element includes projects where funding is "reasonably expected to be available." These projects must meet air quality conformity requirements. The Unfunded Element includes 550 projects in state, local, and regional plans that were not included in the financially constrained plan. The Long-Range Plan Task Force was charged with making a list of regionally significant projects. The five initiatives in the Aspirational Element are: optimize regional land-use balance, regionwide bus rapid transit and transitways, Metrorail core capacity improvements, employer-based travel demand management policies, and a regional express travel network. A public comment period is now underway for the constrained element inputs and the air quality conformity scope of work. More information is posted in the presentation and materials on the [ACPAC event site here](#), and on the [www.Visualize2045.org](http://www.Visualize2045.org) website. The Transportation Projects Table lists projects contained in the plan: highlighted projects were newly added; highlighted stricken projects were projects in the last version of the plan that were removed from the current plan.

## 3. MEMBER TIME

*Tamara Toles O'Laughlin, ACPAC Vice Chair*

Ms. Toles O'Laughlin is the director of the Maryland Environmental Health Network (MEHN), an organization which aims to connect the community around health issues. Issues that MEHN works on include proposed natural gas infrastructure, toxics, and energy- and health-related issues involving decisions by the Maryland Public Service Commission. MEHN supports bills that promote better health impact assessments. Ms. Toles O'Laughlin is also the co-chair of the Green Leadership Trust, and a co-chair of Ecowomen. She previously attended law school in Vermont, worked for New York City and for the Natural Resources Defense Council.

## 4. UPDATES

- "What We Can Do" Air Quality Analysis: MWAQC approved of the work scope description for the qualitative analysis project to identify "What We Can Do" to work towards no unhealthy air days. The project will be done cost-efficiently in-house. ACPAC will be asked for their assistance on the project as needed.
- 2008 and 2015 Ozone standards planning update: The 2008 Ozone Redesignation and Maintenance Plan was approved at the December MWAQC meeting. After the states submit their official paperwork in the next month or two, EPA will have 18 months to respond.

EPA recently published the geographic attainment areas for the 2015 ozone standard of 70 ppb. The region is expected to be designated as 'marginal' under the standard, probably in April or May. The attainment period would be 2018-2020. A plan would not be required for 'marginal' status; only the base-year inventory and continued actions toward meeting the standard.

- January 25<sup>th</sup> Electric Vehicle Work Session with CEEPC and MWAQC: COG is holding an electric vehicle workshop on January 25, 3-5pm. More information is coming soon via email.

- Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory status: COG is working diligently to develop accurate and consistent inventories for the region and broken out by jurisdictions for 2005, 2012, and 2015. Regional findings will be reported in March. At that time staff will also present the results of a grant project that is analyzing what caused changes in emissions between inventory years.

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