



November 2, 2009

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Dear Mr. Freudberg,

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority ("Metro") welcomes the opportunity to comment on the draft 2009-2012 Regional Climate Action Plan. We believe this is an important step for the Region to take to organize its collective response to Climate Change, leverage best practices, and take advantage of collaborative opportunities that offer greater impacts than one jurisdiction or entity alone can make. Our comments follow.

1. Metro is a unique entity in that it is a regional compact authority, rather than a local government. In reviewing the document, we see many areas that also apply to us where local government is the responsible party. For example, in Section I, Metro could commit to preparing a greenhouse gas inventory. In Section II, Metro already has adopted a green building policy. Metro will work with COG staff to identify additional areas where we might be included as a responsible party.
2. Sec. III: Transportation and Land Use, item 1: School buses should be included under this item.
3. Sec. III: Transportation and Land Use, Sec. B, add before item 4: 'Complete Transit Supportive Infrastructure in Transit Served Areas.' This would cover projects including but not limited to filling in sidewalk gaps and adding curb ramps where missing from current transit-served areas to ensure accessibility to public transit for citizens of all mobility levels.
4. Sec. III: Transportation and Land Use, Sec. B, item 4: change to Expand Transit Infrastructure and Capacity.
5. Sec. III: Transportation and Land Use, Sec. C: Add 'Ensure intermodal planning for efficient transit operations.'
6. Sec. IV: Financing Mechanisms: In addition to securing additional funding for transit, we should strive to secure dedicated funding for transit, especially support for operating and maintenance costs.
7. Sec. VII: Regional Outreach & Education, Item 2 – include the Public Health sector as a partner.

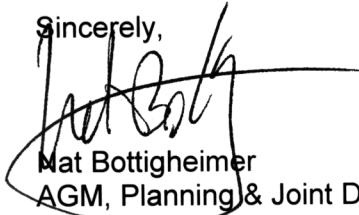
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Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. Metro looks forward to working closely with the Council of Governments and its regional partners on this important issue. If you have any questions about these comments, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-962-2730.

Sincerely,



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