

DRAFT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

January 8, 2007

This letter is a response to a letter from TPB to MWAQC dated December 20, 2006 regarding mobile measures proposed for inclusion in the SIP. In the letter, TPB asked for the opportunity to review and comment upon any local government or state transportation measures proposed for the new 8-hour ozone SIP. The purpose of TPB's review would be to ensure a consistent analytical approach and to prevent any possibility of double-counting emissions benefits among SIP and air quality conformity assessment activities.

State and local government transportation measures were included in the 1-hour ozone SIP and are being proposed for the 8-hour ozone SIP. The proposals include the TCMs and vehicle-, fuel- and maintenance-based measures transmitted in a TPB letter dated November 7, 2006, as well as a number of mobile measures advanced by local governments in the region. The remainder of this letter focuses on the measures advanced by local governments.

MWAQC's 1-hour ozone SIP included a bundle of local voluntary measures, among them some mobile measures (see Attachment 1). In developing the control strategy for the 8-hour ozone SIP, staff are building upon the efforts from the past SIP to include an updated local voluntary bundle. Local governments were asked to identify programs being implemented that provide an air quality benefit for potential inclusion in the SIP. A list of the programs that were identified and are being considered for inclusion in the SIP is also found in Attachment 1. Local jurisdictions are proposing inclusion of low-emission vehicle purchases, diesel retrofits, use of low-VOC paints, purchase of wind energy, and a variety of episodic code orange and code red programs. In addition, LED traffic signal retrofits are being examined as a possible local voluntary measure.

In response to TPB's request, we will transmit proposed mobile measures to DTP staff for review. We appreciate your assistance in identifying inconsistencies in methodology or duplication of measures. The schedule for adopting the 8-hour ozone SIP calls for a draft SIP to be approved by MWAQC for public comment in March. To this end, we would like to accept your offer and ask that the Technical Committees of TPB and MWAQC collaborate closely to review and reach agreement on the handling of local mobile measures in the SIP by mid-February.

We look forward to our continuing the close technical and policy working relationship as we move towards completion of the draft SIP to meet EPA's new 8-hour ozone standard.