

Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee

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Honorable Philip Mendelson, Chair
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
777 North Capitol Street, NE
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Dear Chair Mendelson:

Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) is pleased to learn that the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is planning to implement the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) latest onroad mobile emission estimation model called MOVES2014 for onroad mobile emission estimation purposes starting with the upcoming 2015 CLRP & FY2015-2020 TIP analysis. MWAQC commends TPB's plan for implementing the above model ahead of EPA suggested deadline for the transportation conformity purposes. We also commend TPB for sharing the model evaluation studies and analyses with MWAQC through the interagency consultation process.

MWAQC believes that the implementation of MOVES2014 will help the Washington region estimate its emissions of precursors of ozone and fine particles, carbon monoxide, and greenhouse gases for the onroad mobile sector using the latest approved methodology and all current and upcoming approved federal, state, and local control programs. This is essential as the Washington region moves forward to address the current 2008 ozone standard and the more stringent ozone standard expected to be announced this year and to facilitate the ongoing greenhouse gas reduction initiatives.

Thank you again and we look forward to continue working with you on various air quality issues facing the Washington region.

Sincerely,

Hon. David Snyder, Chair
Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee