

Summary of Climate-Related Activities of COG Committees Supporting CEEPC September 2013

Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee Technical and Citizen Committees

Technical Committees

[Built Environment and Energy Advisory Committee](#) (Jeff King and Leah Boggs | jking@mwkog.org and lboggs@mwkog.org)

- BEEAC met on September 19 to discuss energy efficient streetlight projects in the region. Arlington County, the District of Columbia, and Greenbelt were highlighted. The group also received presentations on STAR Communities rating system and ACEEE's City Energy Efficiency Scorecard.
- The next meeting is October 17.

[Electric Vehicle Planning Initiative](#) (Leah Boggs | lboggs@mwkog.org)

- The EV Workgroup met on July 31 to discuss how to develop a cooperative purchase for electric vehicles and charging equipment, and to discuss developing internship opportunities for college students on EV issues.
- The next meeting is September 26.

[Recycling Committee](#) (John Snarr | jsnarr@mwkog.org)

- In August, the Recycling Committee Outreach Subcommittee met to plan the next Go Recycle campaign
- On September 19, the Recycling Committee learned about the latest efforts in food recovery and composting from Prince George's County, Howard County, and Peninsula Composting. It is anticipated that more local processing capacity for food composting will be coming online in Maryland in the next two years.

Citizen Committee

[Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee](#) (ACPAC) (Amanda Campbell | acampbell@mwkog.org)

- ACPAC met on July 15, 2013 and discussed the regional tree canopy report, a climate and energy leadership awards concept, and regional ozone attainment options
- ACPAC held a conference call on August 21, 2013 to discuss the climate and energy awards proposal
- ACPAC is meeting on September 16, 2013 to discuss the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan, the Ozone Season Summary, and the Climate and Energy Awards Pilot Proposal.

Supporting Technical and Policy Committees

[MWAQC](#) and [MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee](#) (Sunil Kumar | skumar@mwkog.org)

- MWAQC did not meet since its last meeting on May 22, 2013. There are no updates.
- MWAQC-TAC met on September 10, 2013. COG staff presented the 2013 ozone season summary. There was exceedance observed for the 2008 ozone standard on June 5, July 17, July 18, and July 19. The group discussed the various aspects of the selection of a base year for the 2008 ozone SIP. A comprehensive base year is required for submission to EPA. The group also discussed the Washington region's possibility of meeting the Reasonable Further Progress requirements for the above ozone standard, which is required in case the Washington region does not meet the 2008 ozone standard by the deadline and therefore gets re-classified to a higher nonattainment level for the 2008 ozone standard. States agreed to develop this plan in anticipation of the possible higher reclassification. MDE staff also presented a detailed greenhouse gas emission reduction plan for Maryland, which was published recently. The plan aims to achieve 25% reduction by 2020 from multiple sectors besides creating jobs.

[Transportation Planning Board](#) (TPB), [TPB Technical Committee](#), [TPB Travel Management Subcommittee](#) and [TPB Scenario Study Task Force](#) (Ron Kirby and Gerald Miller | rkirby@mwkog.org and [gmiller@mwkog.org](mailto:gmilller@mwkog.org))

- The TPB met September 18, 2013
- The TPB approved an amendment to the FY 2013-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include funding for the construction of a replacement interchange on MD 4 at Suitland Parkway and for the reconstruction of US 1 in College Park.
- The TPB received a briefing on the results of the 2013 State of the Commute Survey.
- The TPB received briefings on highlighted regional freight projects and the Long Bridge Study, which assesses the potential for intermodal connectivity and operations improvements to the bridge that is owned by CSX.
- The TPB received an update on the final version of the report "What do People Think about Congestion Pricing? A Deliberative Dialogue with Residents of Metropolitan Washington".
- The TPB was briefed on comments received during on the draft TPB Regional Transportation Priorities Plan (RTPP).

[Planning Directors Technical Committee](#) and [Region Forward Coalition](#)

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- COG staff continue to work with Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee to revise and refine the Activity Center Strategic Development Plan, and will present the Plan to the COG Board for adoption at their November Board meeting.
- Staff from DCPS, DTP, and OPA are working together to prepare for the Economy Forward event on September 27th, which will showcase key themes from the Activity Center Strategic Development Plan and the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan..

Affiliated Partnerships

[Clean Air Partners](#) (Jen Desimone | jdesimone@mwkog.org)

- **Walk to School Day** – Clean Air Partners is partnering with Wood Acres Elementary School, located in Bethesda, MD, for Walk to School Day on October 9, 2013. Volunteers will be positioned through-out the community handing out Clean Air Partners materials and the Education Program Manager will be doing hands-on air quality related activities with the students.
- **Summer Education Outreach** – The Clean Air Partners education team completed its annual summer outreach within the community. They visited summer camps throughout the region and presenting the Clean Air Partners curriculum, *On the Air*. Outreach was conducted to nearly 2,000 students.
- **Contests** – We're pleased to announce our 3rd annual slogan contest for local middle and elementary students. Students in grades 4-8 are invited to submit a creative slogan that brings to light solutions to air pollution and climate change and inspire people to take actions to improve our region's air quality. The deadline for submissions is November 22, 2013. An announcement will be made in the fall for the high school infographics contest.

[Commuter Connections Subcommittee](#) (Nick Ramfos | nramfos@mwkog.org)

- No updates.

[Tree Canopy Workgroup](#) (Amanda Campbell | jacampbell@mwkog.org and Brian LeCouteur | blecouteur@mwkog.org)

- The Workgroup briefed CEEPC on the development of a regional tree canopy strategy report at the July meeting.
- The next workgroup meeting is tentatively scheduled for October.

Other Committees

Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team (formerly [Chief Purchasing Officers Committee](#)) (Tom Savoie | tsavoie@mwkog.org)

- No updates.

[Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee](#) (Heidi Bonnaffon | hbonnaffon@mwkog.org)

- On July 24, CBPC and CEEPC met jointly and heard presentations from the Tree Canopy Workgroup and energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives at DC Water facilities. Participants identified infrastructure resilience and outreach as two additional areas of potential future collaboration.
- The CBPC met on September 20th. A water infrastructure forum aimed at elected officials is in the planning stages.
- The next meeting will be held on November 15th.