



AIR AND CLIMATE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 18, 2018
5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

ACPAC MEMBERS (*VIA PHONE)

Tony Giancola*
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STAFF

Amanda Campbell
Tim Masters

GUESTS

David Anspacher, Montgomery County

1. CALL TO ORDER, AGENDA, MEETING SUMMARY APPROVAL

Glenna Tinney, ACPAC member, in the absence of the chair and vice chair

2. MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

David Anspacher, Montgomery County Planning Department

Montgomery County's bicycle planning framework outlines goals and targets for becoming a world-class bicycling community. The county evaluated current bicycle networks for connectivity between residences and destinations. Results were uploaded to web portals. Staff surveyed the stress levels experienced on different types of bike facilities as part of their analysis, with the goal of providing low-stress bike routes for most of the county's residents. Over the next 5 years, the county is planning to spend \$18 million to upgrade bicycle-friendly links to metro stations, and \$60 million on improving connections to and on the capital crescent trail. The plan aims to increase the percentage of potential bicycle trips able to be made on a low-stress bicycle network from 17% to 35% by 2033 and 65% by 2043. The plan includes schools bicycle curriculum and installing bicycle parking facilities in strategic locations. The county's plan is benefited by the excess capacity that is available in many thoroughfares as part of the county's legacy.

Analysis for the plan found that the 20 lowest income census tracts have half of the bicycle infrastructure as the rest of the county. The plan targets these areas, but it's difficult to address connectivity issues that involve border jurisdictions.

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ACPAC members asked about bicycle plans in the rest of the region. Arlington County faces difficulty in adding protected bike lanes due to its narrower streets.

3. REGIONAL EV UPDATE: VOLKSWAGEN SETTLEMENT FUND AND ELECTRIFY AMERICA UPDATE

Leah Boggs, COG Staff

COG supports the region's adoption of electric vehicles and alternative fuel vehicles through a variety of policies and programs including a cooperative fleet vehicle purchase (Fleets for the Future or F4F). Part of the VW settlement money is going directly to states – Virginia and DC are finalizing their plans and presumably Maryland is also. COG is participating in some planning efforts to electrify the northeast corridor. COG submitted ideas for funding under a different VW funding stream. Additional details are found in the slides posted on the ACPAC website.

ACPAC members had a variety of questions regarding the electric vehicle ownership throughout the COG region and how the region compares to other metro regions in the US and the world. The DC Circulator is converting to EVs, Frederick County and Montgomery County are purchasing electric buses as well. Members asked about the impacts and benefits of EVs over other vehicles and how to communicate the types of Q/A that the public may have about these new types of forms of travel.

4. AIR QUALITY UPDATES: OZONE SEASON, AND CLEAN AIR PARTNERS' SUMMER OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Glenna Tinney, ACPAC Member and Clean Air Partners Board Member
ACPAC

CAP promoted Air Quality Awareness Week the first week of May by pushing out visual content to social media, including graphics to raise awareness of how individuals can respond on days with different levels of air quality (code green, yellow, orange, red) and links to download the Air Quality app. Clean Air Partners' summer campaign will kick off with a press conference and awards recognition event on June 21. Poster contest winners from grades 4-8 will be recognized at the event. Winning students hailed from schools in Anne Arundel, Montgomery County, and Baltimore. The summer campaign includes outreach at events throughout the Baltimore-Washington region. The 4th annual BreatheEasy concert promotion, sponsored by WGL, will be held in July. Individuals can submit their actions to improve the air for a chance to win concert tickets to the Jay-zee/Beyoncé concert. New 'Skywriting' visually-appealing ads that feature the Baltimore and Washington skyline will be launched with transit ads, social media, and online.

5. MEMBER TIME

Glenna Tinney shared the story of her journey to veganism and how food choices have an impact on the environment. She shared some of the resources and options available for those seeking to reduce their diet's water, energy, and land use footprint.

6. UPDATES

- Federal Regulatory Updates (Amanda Campbell)
- What We Can Do Project (Amanda Campbell)
- Climate & Energy Leadership Awards (Gretchen Goldman)

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