

Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee

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The Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee (ACPAC) is an advisory body to the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) and the Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC)

Draft Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 15, 2014
Room 1
5:30 P.M.-7:30 P.M.

ACPAC Members: Michael Cakouros (phone), Gretchen Goldman, Eric Goplerud, Andrew Kambour (phone), Sally Kane, Brian McFarland, John Reed, Maggie Shober, Glenna Tinney
Staff: Steve Walz, Maia Davis, Sunil Kumar, Kanti Srikanth, Jane Posey, Bob Griffiths

1. Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda (Glenna Tinney, Vice Chair)

The agenda was approved without changes. The last ACPAC meeting in July was focused on the judging of the Climate and Energy Leadership Awards; therefore, there is no meeting minutes to approve this month.

2. Meet and Greet (Kanti Srikanth, COG Transportation)

Kanti Srikanth is the new Director for COG's Department of Transportation. For the last 27 years Kanti has worked for the Virginia Department of Transportation and has participated with COG throughout that time. He was a founding partner of End Zone (the predecessor to Clean Air Partners), was a member of MWAQC and CEEPC since each committee's inception, and has participated with ACPAC over the years starting in 1997. Kanti earned his graduate degree from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Kanti described how he has a multi-discipline, multi-sector commitment to regional planning and how transportation is a means to an end to help reach societal, economic, and environmental goals. In response to a question from ACPAC about mitigating congestion Kanti explained that personal choices, holistic planning, and technological solutions all play an important role.

3. Air Quality Conformity Overview and Assessment of the 2014 CLRP (Jane Posey, COG Transportation)

Jane Posey gave an overview of air quality conformity, which stem from Clean Air Act requirements. Transportation conformity only addresses air pollution from the mobile sector. The Transportation Planning Board must ensure that the short and long term motor vehicle emissions from the regional transportation plan (CLRP) are within the established mobile emissions budget. The air quality conformity analysis shows how the CLRP will meet the budgets for Ozone, PM_{2.5} and Wintertime CO.

A public comment period is currently open on the draft conformity analysis. MWAQC is submitting a comment letter. ACPAC members support MWAQC's letter with no suggested changes to the letter.

4. 2014 Ozone Season Summary (Sunil Kumar, COG Environment)

The National Capital Region has not had a single Code Red air day during the last two years. Even with 14 days over 90 degrees this summer, the region had only four 8-hour ozone exceedance days. This has been a trend in recent years, which is the result of a combination of local, state and federal emission control programs. Transport from across the Appalachians has played a role in those exceedances.

5. Climate and Energy Leadership Awards (Glenna Tinney, Vice Chair)

Glenna announced the winners of the 2014 Climate and Energy Leadership Awards that would be presented their award on the October 8, 2014 COG Board Meeting:

- City of Falls Church, VA for their effort to become an EPA Green Power Partner
- City of Rockville, MD for their Energy and Green Building Program
- Prince William County, VA for their Landfill Gas to Energy Project
- Loudoun County Public Schools, VA for their Energy and Environment Program

Glenna asked that those who have ideas on how to improve the judging process to please contact Maia Davis. An awards task force call would be scheduled to review the pilot program and discuss next steps.

Next meeting: November 10, 2014 – 5:30pm – 7:30pm
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