

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE

Draft Meeting Summary: May 02, 2024

<p>EJ Subcommittee Members in Attendance: Dave Snyder, Co-Chair Anita Bonds, Co-Chair Kristin Mink, Co-Chair Hannah Ashenafi, DOEE Noble Smith, MDE Julie Kimmel, ACPAC Chair Gwendolin McCrea, DEQ William Washburn, ACPAC Vice Chair Kenny Boddye, Prince William County Tom Dernoga, Prince George's County Danielle Sims, DEQ</p> <p>Additional Attendees: Karen Massey, AECOM Tauhirah Abdul-Matin, AECOM Khrystle Bullock, AECOM Charles Brown, Equitable Cities Nellie Graham, Equitable Cities Devane Wright, Prince George's County</p>	<p>COG Staff: Kelsey Boatwright, COG DEP Alissa Boggs, COG DEP Leah Boggs, COG DEP Heidi Bonnaffon, COG DEP Robert Christopher, COG DEP Jen Desimone, COG DEP Jeff King, COG DEP Jane Posey, COG DTP Fitria Dewi Susanti, COG Fellow</p>
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1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dave Snyder, Co-Chair
Anita Bonds, Co-Chair
Kristin Mink, Co-Chair

Meeting was called to order, and introductions were given.

2. AECOM PRESENTATION

AECOM Staff

AECOM provides a project overview and outlines its approach to facilitate the action plan process.

Project Overview:

- AECOM was hired to support the development of an Environmental Justice Action Plan focusing on air quality. Introduction of AECOM team members and partners, including Equitable Cities.

Key Points:

- **Objectives:** Develop an action plan to consider equity in implementing air quality policies, projects, and programs.
- **Execution Approach:** Stakeholder engagement, regular touchpoints, and plan development phases.

- **Timeline:** 10-month project starting from the previous month, aiming for stakeholder engagement in the next 3-4 months.

3. OPEN DISCUSSION

Subcommittee Members

Members of the subcommittee discussed the meeting schedule for the year as well as priorities, goals, and outcomes of the subcommittee meetings, stakeholder engagement, and action plan development.

Discussion Highlights:

- Importance of focusing on air quality within the context of MWAQC's mission.
- Engagement strategy to include both impacted community members and environmental justice experts.
- Emphasis on inclusivity and broad engagement methods to ensure diverse input.

Public Engagement:

- Suggestion to have public comment periods at beginning and end of each subcommittee meeting.
- Acknowledgment of the need for public outreach and engagement, considering the limitations of budget and time.

Mapping and Data:

- Importance of geographic and demographic nuance in understanding air quality impacts.
- Request for existing resources and data to aid in stakeholder identification and engagement planning.

Feedback Channels:

- Attendees were encouraged to send recommendations and information to Robert Christopher and Leah Boggs.

Next Steps

- **Engagement Planning:** Prepare list of stakeholders and engagement strategies within the next month.
- **Milestones:** Regular check-ins and updates, with specific engagement touchpoints proposed.
- **Public Comment:** Ensure public comment opportunities at the beginning and possibly the end of each subcommittee meeting.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Dave Snyder, Co-Chair

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The meeting was adjourned.

All meeting materials including speaker presentations can be found on the MWCOG website by clicking the link below –

https://www.mwcog.org/events/mwaqc_environmental_justice_subcommittee_kickof-5-2-2024/

The next EJ Subcommittee meeting is July 10, 2024.

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