



AIR AND CLIMATE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 24, 2020
5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

DRAFT TELECONFERENCE MEETING SUMMARY

ACPAC ATTENDEES: Kelly Crawford, Gretchen Goldman, Hilary Lewis, Sarah Mazur, Guillermo Ortiz, Natalie Pien, Gabriel Thoumi, Glenna Tinney, Tamara Toles O'Laughlin

COG STAFF: Leah Boggs, Steve Walz

1. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, MEETING SUMMARY APPROVAL

The meeting was called to order, introductions were made, and the November 18, 2019 ACPAC meeting summary was approved.

Tamara noted that the committee had not met since November, as the committee typically does not meet in January. She went on to note that the meeting schedule has changed to meeting bimonthly, making it six meetings per year.

Discussion:

- Recruiting of new members starts in November and are voted on in March; COG staff will check with Jeff King for position vacancies.
- The meeting schedule is changed to bimonthly. Members have the flexibility of meeting on off months and times; however, meetings outside of the official six will not be staffed by COG. Members are advised to take attendance and meeting notes.
- Tamara supports the suggestion to begin meeting in January starting in 2021.

2. COG 2020 INITIATIVES

Steve Walz, COG Staff

Leah Boggs, COG Staff

Air Quality Priorities

- This year they are finishing the 2015 ozone season base year inventory, as the region is not in compliance and currently in marginal standing; once completed it will go back to MWAQC for approval then submitted to EPA for comments. DC, MD and VA will have a 30-day comment period. There is some scepticism as to meeting the 2015 ozone standard of at or below 70 ppb. A State Implementation Plan will need to be developed to look at measures to meet the standard.
- MWAQC Staff is working with TPB on conformity for the 2020 amendment to the Visualize 2045 plan. MWAQC executive committee sent a comment letter to TPB, although concurring that the transportation sector emissions associated with the proposed transportation plans

meet the motor vehicle emissions budgets, encouraging continued investment in VMT and

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emission reduction strategies to attain 70 ppb by August 2021.

Clean Air Partners Priorities

- Redesign of the education curriculum for the school program.
- Continued work on daily air quality mentoring and messaging efforts.

Climate and Energy

- Regional Climate Action Planning and GHG emission reductions - Continued work with the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) on development of the 2030 Regional Climate and Energy Action Plan. The metropolitan Washington is one of four regions recognized as a US Metro-Scale Climate Leaders. In exchange for the becoming a GCoM signatory, GCoM is provide guidance and support specifically on mitigation and resiliency.
- EVs - Continued EV planning support, specifically with Prince George's County EV Infrastructure plan.
- LED Streetlights - Continued on support for LED streetlight conversions in the region through a US Department of Energy grant to the Maryland Energy Administration.
- Amtrak Switcher - DC issued a grant to COG for the Amtrak Switcher replacement project to repower 1 switcher by the end of this year. There are an additional 4 switchers to be replaced. Five switchers have already been replaced.

Tree Canopy Priorities

- Working on adopting model tree preservation ordinances.
- Strengthening land use planning guidance and land development criteria to encourage tree conservation.
- Benchmarking conservation efforts and canopy goals.

BEEAC Priorities

- Since 2015, COG staff has conducted an annual survey to gauge member priorities for the year. COG staff uses that data to inform what BEEAC should focus on for the year, along with interface with CEEPC priorities, as well as how to effectively support us.
- For the past 3 years, the top 5 BEEAC priorities have been the same - energy efficiency, high performance building technologies, technical assistance for clean energy technology projects, clean energy financing, and energy resilience - with energy efficiency always as the first priority and high performance buildings as the second or third priority. Not much has changed in the [2020 survey](#) except energy system decarbonization (that is reducing carbon intensity, reducing the emissions is in the top 5).
- The outlook for the rest of the year includes:
 - April 16 meeting - materials supply chain management (BEEAC priority - EE and decarbonization)
 - June 18 meeting - Net meeting in the net zero energy series focused on net zero energy emissions
 - August - no COG meetings
 - September 17 meeting - energy resiliency and adaptation (BEEAC priority - energy resiliency and adaptation)
 - November 19 meeting - TBD

3. ACPAC 2020 OUTLOOK AND PRIORITIES

Tamara Toles O'Laughlin, Chair; Members, and COG Staff

Members agreed to the following 6 priority areas:

- A continued focus on the Climate and Energy Awards. This effort starts in the Spring with judging occurring at the July meeting.
- Input on the 2030 Action Plan and local climate action plans – this is in line with CEEPC's focus for the year to develop an interim goal between now and 2050, as well as efforts to support development of local climate action plans.
- The 2015 Ozone standard, what would it take for no unhealthy air days, updates on no orange days.
- Updates on EJ initiatives, jurisdiction progress, COG cohort on racial equity training with the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE). Looking at consumer behavior on energy use
- Tree canopy and other resiliency efforts and climate financing.
- Transportation impacts to air quality. COG staff will confer with TPB staff on the feasibility of a joint meeting with the transportation citizen advisory committee.

Tamara acknowledged that transportation theme may be will be addressed in 2021 due to only having 5 official meeting left in the year. This item has been moved to the next ACPAC meeting agenda. The March meeting will focus on the 2030 plan as it is focus of the March CEEPC meeting.

4. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.