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Stuart,

Following your conversation with Ron Kirby yesterday, this email provides comments upon the transportation section of your Climate Action Workplan, which you presented to the COG Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) at its September 23rd meeting.

As you know, Ron briefed the Committee that day on the TPB's planning activities to address greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions; for convenience his power point presentation is attached. These activities, characterized as "What Would It Take" Scenario Analysis, identify the substantial efforts underway by the TPB and staff to address GHG emissions reductions from the transportation sector. These UPWP work program activities have been funded for two years now and progress reports are routinely provided to the full TPB as well as to its Scenario Task Force. The CEEPC seemed quite interested and supportive of these efforts and indicated that they looked forward to future study products and a continuing working relationship with the TPB.

In the Transportation and Land Use section of your draft workplan, you identify proposed work activities and you reference coordination with the TPB's goals and work activities. Given the TPB's existing work program efforts, we therefore suggest that the approved TPB work program structure, outlined on page 7 of Ron's attached slides, be substituted for the draft section of your proposed workplan. In addition, on page 16 we particularly emphasize the importance of the use of cost-effectiveness and cost-benefit analyses as a means of developing optimal emissions reduction strategies.

I think this will facilitate the continued close coordination between staff planning activities among the various GHG emissions sources being analyzed at COG, and the budding partnership between the TPB and CEEPC.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment upon the draft workplan.

Mike