

# 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, January 23, 2011  
Room 4/5  
5:30 P.M.-7:30 P.M.

**ACPAC members:** Sarah Bunn, Bill Butler, Beverly Fourier, Andrew Kambour, Sally Kane, Brian McFarland, Caroline Petti, Alexander Ryan-Bond, Glenna Tinney, Larry Zaragoza

**Staff:** Joan Rohlf, Maia Davis, Ron Kirby, John Swanson, Gareth James, Ben Hampton

**Participants:** Brendan Callahan, Mike Cakouros, Brian DiNunno, Ben Hampton, Patrick Matos, John Reed

## **1. Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda, Approval of Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm. The agenda and minutes from December 12, 2011 were approved with no changes.

## **2. Introductions for New Interested Members (Caroline Petti, ACPAC Chair)**

Caroline Petti welcomed and thanked applicants for their interest in ACPAC and attending the meeting. Caroline gave a quick overview of ACPAC. She described ACPAC as the public advisory committee to MWAQC and CEEPC that advises on topics such as air quality, climate change and energy efficiency. Caroline also shared her personal experience with ACPAC over the last three years. Everyone (members and applicants) had the opportunity to introduce themselves and share their interests and background with the group.

Maia Davis gave a quick overview of ACPAC the ACPAC appointment process. Maia described how all ACPAC meetings are open to the public and that all are welcome to come and participate in meetings. To be an official voting member of ACPAC need to be appointed by MWAQC. ACPAC bylaws say that ACPAC can have a total of 18 members and seek a geographic balance across the region; therefore, MWAQC appoints up to 6 people in DC, 6 in MD and 6 in VA. MWAQC will appoint members before the February 13, 2012 ACPAC meeting and Maia will let applicants know if they have been appointed or not prior to that time.

## **3. Draft Regional Transportation Planning Priorities (Gareth James, COG DEP Staff)**

COG Department of Transportation staff will conduct a listening session with ACPAC to solicit feedback on the initial set of transportation planning priorities performance measures. The session focused on measures developed for Goal 5 (Enhance Environmental Quality, Protect Health, and Improve Energy Efficiency). Gareth provided an overview of the initiative and draft report for the transportation planning priorities. Following the overview attendees were broken out into 3 groups to discuss performance measures that should or should not be included and which are the top priorities. The group reconvened and one member from each group reported out its feedback to the rest of the attendees. At this time participants were asked to provide feedback about the broader process of selecting performance measures and identifying challenges, strategies, and priorities. Some of the issues the group discussed include the following:

- Wording of measures was awkward and unclear.
  - Proposed measures seem to be framed more as “issues” rather than “trends”, so it’s hard to get one’s head around what’s being measured, or what the desired outcome is.
  - Measures should make clear what is going to be quantified.
  - There’s also a question of prospective vs. retrospective measures, and that distinction should be made clear, too.
- The “ozone precursors and particulates” and “GHG emissions from mobile sources” measures are easily the most important, but they should be broken down into total emissions and emissions per person-mile.
- An additional priority measure could be added to reflect health concerns should be included, such as asthma rates or days off from school due to illness.
- “Green spaces” measure unclear in how it is being related to transportation, though could be thought of in terms of prioritizing the preservation of green space when planning transportation projects (including taking into account the development that might occur because of a new road or transit line).
  - Could use tree canopy instead of or in addition to the greenspace measure
- The public needs to be educated about what the desirable outcomes are from the transportation priorities and performance measures.

COG DTP staff will come back to ACPAC in the fall when they will be seeking the next round of input to the priorities.

#### **4. MWAQC and CEEPC Updates (Joan Rohlf, COG DEP Staff)**

Joan discussed the status of the MOVES model and PM<sub>2.5</sub> redesignation plan. The 2002 base year and 2007 modeling has been completed in MOVES and staff is currently working on 2017 and 2025. Modeling for all 4 years will be completed in February and in March MWAQC will be asked approve the draft redesignation plan to go to public comment in April. In May staff will respond to public comments and following that plans to submit to the redesignation plan to EPA.

The January CEEPC meeting features a panel that will address the renewable energy debate between the Sierra Club and Dominion Power in Virginia. PEPCO will also be on the panel to discuss what they do for renewable energy. ACPAC was invited to attend CEEPC if they are interested in hearing the discussion. CEEPC will also be updated on the status of the EPA Solar Collaborative Procurement Initiative that is working with several government agencies in the region to do a joint purchase of solar panels. New stakeholder members have been appointed to CEEPC including representatives from GSA, EPA, the Alliance to Save Energy and more.

#### **5. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations**

The current chair, Caroline Petti, and current vice chair, Beverly Fourier, were both nominated to continue in their current roles. Any additional nominations can be emailed to Maia Davis ([mdavis@mwkog.org](mailto:mdavis@mwkog.org)). Elections will take place at the next ACPAC meeting on February 13, 2012.

#### **6. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

**Next meeting: February 13 – 5:30pm – Room 4/5**