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## **METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE (MWAQC)**

October 1, 2018  
3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.  
Conference Call

Chairman: Hans Riemer, Montgomery County

### **DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY**

#### **MWAQC MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES ON THE CALL**

Cecily Beall, District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment  
Alex Brun, Maryland Department of the Environment  
Joshua Fleitman, representing Brandon Todd, District of Columbia (Vice Chair)  
Rene'e Hamilton, Virginia Department of Transportation  
Dawn Hawkins-Nixon, Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources  
Ian Lovejoy, City of Manassas  
Doris McLeod, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Ron Meyer, Loudoun County  
Del Pepper, City of Alexandria (Vice Chair)  
Jim Ponticello, Virginia Department of Transportation  
Hans Riemer, Montgomery County (Chair)  
Kathy Smith, Fairfax County  
Linda Smith, Fairfax County  
Dave Snyder, Falls Church  
Kari Snyder, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Ram Tangirala, District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment  
Colleen Turner, Maryland Department of Transportation

#### **OTHERS ON THE CALL**

Alexandra Catena, District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment  
Gary Greening, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Joseph Jakuta, District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment  
Matt Krupp, WMATA  
Norm Whittaker, Virginia Department of Transportation

#### **COG STAFF ON THE CALL**

Amanda Campbell, COG Environmental Programs  
Jen Desimone, COG Environmental Programs  
Sunil Kumar, COG Environmental Programs  
Jane Posey, COG Department of Transportation Planning  
Dusan Vuksan, COG Department of Transportation Planning  
Steve Walz, COG Environmental Programs Director

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## **1. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS**

*Hans Riemer, Montgomery County*

## **2. MWAQC LETTER TO TPB ON TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY**

*Jane Posey, COG Department of Transportation Planning*

*Steve Walz, COG Director of Environmental Programs*

Ms. Posey and Mr. Walz briefed MWAQC members on the air quality conformity analysis of the Visualize 2045 Long Range Plan and FY2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (see slides posted on the MWAQC meeting site link below).

Members reviewed the comment letter and discussed changes to the following sections:

- Adding a phrase in the second paragraph indicating that the goal of keeping emissions within the Tier 1 levels. Some transportation agencies objected to statements suggesting restrictions on the use of the Tier 2 budgets, since they provide the flexibility needed to allow for changes in planning assumptions that are largely out of the region's control.
- Removing the clause beginning with "in particular..." at the end of the sixth paragraph so as not to appear overly critical of the transportation planning process.
- Adding a phrase that articulates that the region will face more difficult efforts to reduce emissions if federal standards are rolled back.
- Several minor edits were included, including removing the words "in-depth" from the seventh paragraph.

Following discussion, the letter was approved. The voting total on the letter as amended was 6 ayes, 4 nays, 2 abstentions.

The comment letter will be submitted to the Transportation Planning Board.

## **3. ADJOURN**

### **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

The December 19, 2018 MWAQC meeting will be a strategic planning session. Members should expect to receive a survey in mid-November in preparation for the planning session.

### **Meeting Documents:**

<https://www.mwcog.org/events/2018/10/1/metropolitan-washington-air-quality-committee-mwaqc/>