



NATIONAL CLASH OVER ENERGY POLICY



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Overview of Presentation

- **Current Energy & Climate Debate**
- **Climate Communities – *National Action Plan for Local Clean Energy***
- What **action** should Metro Washington COG consider?



Current Energy & Climate Debate – *Restrictions on EPA Authority*

- **Congressional efforts to restrict EPA GHG authority**
 - ✓ CR efforts to stop EPA authority fall short – but get close
 - ✓ Upton-Inhofe introduce “Energy Tax Prevention Act” (H.R. 910 / S. 482) with nine House co-sponsors including Democrats Collin Peterson, Dan Boren and Nick Rahall and 43 Senate co-sponsors including Democrat Joe Manchin. Would prohibit GHG regulation of stationary sources or additional vehicles/other mobile sources, remove EPA GHG reporting authority, and potentially undermine EPA voluntary GHG efforts
 - ✓ Meanwhile, EPA moves forward on GHG reporting program, GHG PSD/Title V GHG Tailoring Rule, NSPS GHG standards for electric utilities, and mercury/toxics MACT for electric utilities



Current Energy & Climate Debate – *Budget Battles*

- President's FY2102 budget proposal calls for 20% increase in EPA GHG activities; continued investment in EPA brownfields, smart growth & livable communities programs; increases Chesapeake Bay funding by about 1/3; and proposes 4.2 % increase in DOE budget including \$8 billion for efficiency and renewables and a 10-year reduction in coal/oil/gas subsidies of \$46.2 billion
- Most recent congressional CR extension de-funds EPA Climate Showcase Communities grant program
- Republican proposal to cut EPA by 29% and DOE efficiency and renewables by 1/3



Current Energy & Climate Debate – *Clean Energy Legislation*

National Renewable Energy Standard

- Renewable energy standard included in Waxman-Markey bill that passed the House and several Senate bills with bipartisan support
- 32 states already have some form of a clean energy standard

Clean Energy Deployment Administration (CEDA)

- Included in Waxman-Markey bill that passed the House Included in Renewable Energy Standard legislation introduced in the Senate
- Similar in structure to National Infrastructure Banks that have been proposed for transportation and water infrastructure

Electric Vehicle Deployment Legislation

- Bipartisan legislation and support in both the House and Senate
- President Obama has called for the deployment of 1 million electric vehicles by 2015
- Administration's FY 2012 budget includes request for \$200 million for EV deployment

Role of Nuclear, Offshore Oil Drilling, and Clean Coal?



Current Energy & Climate Debate – *Transportation Reauthorization*

- President's FY2102 budget proposal kick-starts SAFETEA-LU reauthorization debate
 - ✓ Proposes \$129B for FY12 – 66% increase over FY10
 - ✓ Proposes 127% increase in transit, plus \$53B over six years for high speed rail
 - ✓ Proposes \$556B, 6-year transportation program
 - ✓ Shifting to Transportation Trust Fund with mandatory spending and less Appropriations Committee control
 - ✓ Front-load \$50 billion including \$450M TIFIA, \$1B New Starts, \$2B for local/state infrastructure grants & \$4.1B in Livable Communities grants
 - ✓ \$5 billion in first year for National Infrastructure Bank
 - ✓ \$32B for Transportation Leadership Awards
 - ✓ Funding for transportation planning

- Hearings and legislative drafting commenced in House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee



Climate Communities –

National Action Plan for Local Clean Energy

- CC held “Local Thought Leaders Retreat” in DC in March
- “Action Plan Committee” – DC COG members Jay Fisette (Arlington), Andrea McGimsey (Loudoun), Eric Coffman (Montgomery) and Nina Albert (DC)
- Early April – plan released to Climate Communities members
- Advocacy for Action Plan:
 - ✓ Endorsement by local government bodies
 - ✓ Sign-on by individual local elected leaders
 - ✓ Letters to congressional delegation with Action Plan
 - ✓ Letters to editors
 - ✓ June 15-17 “Local Government Clean Energy Summit” in DC with Hill/Administration advocacy



National Action Plan for Local Clean Energy

- Highlight **critical role of local governments** in green buildings, livable communities, land use, transit, community-scale renewables, energy efficiency
- Calls for **federal appropriations investment** in local clean energy:
 - ✓ EPA Climate Showcase Communities grant program (\$50M)
 - ✓ DOE EECBG (\$2B) & “Local Government Partnership Grants” (\$300M)
 - ✓ DOE “Better Buildings – Race to Green” (building codes) (\$100M) & Better Buildings Program – Loan Guarantees (\$100M)
 - ✓ Sustainable Communities Partnership – HUD Sustainable Planning and Challenge Grants (\$140M), EPA Sustainable Communities (\$9.9M)
 - ✓ Transportation – TIGER3 (\$600M), Livable Communities Grants (\$4.1B), Transit (\$3.25B), I-Bank (\$5B)
 - ✓ EDA Sustainable Economic Development @ EDA (\$16.5M)



National Action Plan for Local Clean Energy

➤ **Clean Energy Financing for Localities:**

- ✓ Fix PACE financing for residential retrofits
- ✓ Extend Section 1603 grants-in-lieu for community renewables
- ✓ Extend CREBS & QECBs and make them more usable
- ✓ Provide \$7,500-per-Electri Vehicle rebates usable by localities (Stabenow bill)
- ✓ Ensure that localities can use proposed Clean Energy Deployment Administration for community-scale efficiency, green buildings, renewables
- ✓ Federal Clean Energy Standard should include RECS for renewables/efficiency at public facilities

➤ **Transportation Reauthorization:**

- ✓ Equity in matching requirements between transit & highways
- ✓ Endorsement of Livable Communities approach – funding for sustainability planning, direct local grants, I-Bank, and additional funding for leaders
- ✓ Major funding for Alt Fuel vehicles and infrastructure



Potential Actions for Metro Washington COG

- **Resolutions/letters/calls/visits to legislators on FY11/12 spending:**
 - ✓ Jim Moran (VA) ranking Democrat on House Interior & Environment (EPA) appropriations
 - ✓ Frank Wolf (VA) senior Republican on House Transportation/HUD appropriations
 - ✓ Barbara Mikulski (MD) senior Democrat on Senate Interior & Environment (EPA) and Transportation/HUD appropriations
 - ✓ Steny Hoyer (MD) and Chris Van Hollen (MD) senior House members

- **Resolutions/letters/calls/visits on Transportation Reauthorization:**
 - ✓ Donna Edwards (MD) Democrat on House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
 - ✓ Ben Cardin (MD) Democrat on Senate Environment & Public Works Committee
 - ✓ Mark Warner (VA) Democrat on Senate Transit Committee
 - ✓ Steny Hoyer (MD) and Chris Van Hollen (MD) senior House members

- **Get active in Climate Communities *National Action Plan for Local Clean Energy:***
 - ✓ Endorse plan as localities and as individuals
 - ✓ Join Climate Communities' June 15-17 Summit



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Thank You!

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