

Status Report on COG Greenhouse Gas Reduction Multi-Sector Working Group

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Background

- TPB affirmed COG's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals in December, 2014
- Professional Multi-Disciplinary, Multi-Sector Working Group (MSWG) created
- MSWG is charged with:
 - Identifying and analyzing strategies to support region's GHG reduction goals
 - Exploring goals, measures and targets in each Sector
- Land Use, Transportation, Energy and Built Environment Sector Subgroups established



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PROPOSED SCHEDULE

January 2015

- ✓ Establish and convene working group – Jan. 30

February- April

- ✓ Subgroups meet to identify strategies for analysis
- Public input on strategies (April 8 – April 22)

May - August

- 2nd MSWG Meeting -- May 8 -- review strategies, analysis and methodologies
- Consultant analyzes strategies
- 3rd MSWG Meeting – July 31 -- review findings and interim report

September – October

- Interim report to TPB, MWAQC, CEEPC and COG Board
- Public input on interim report
- 4th MSWG Meeting – Sept. 25 –explore goals, targets by sector

November - December

- Consultant prepares draft final report
- Public input on draft final report
- Draft final report to TPB, MWAQC and CEEPC

January 2016: Final report to COG Board



Strategies Identified by Subgroups

- 6 Land-Use Sector Strategies
 - Location of new jobs and housing
- 21 Transportation Sector Strategies
 - Fuel Efficiency
 - System operational efficiency
 - Reduce growth of vehicle trips and VMT
 - Pricing
- 11 Energy/Built Environment Sector Strategies
 - Reduce energy use in existing and new buildings
 - Improved infrastructure, pipeline and power generation efficiencies
 - Greater education and community engagement



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Public Comment on Strategies

Detailed descriptions and initial qualitative assessment of strategies in all sectors are posted on the COG website:

<http://www.mwcog.org/ghgcomments/>

Public comment period open to April 22, 2015



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Next Steps

- Subgroups review consultant qualitative assessment of strategies and further refines strategies
- Public input reviewed and posted
- Consultant prepares combined list of strategies recommended for detailed quantitative analysis
- Full MSWG meets on May 8th to decide on the strategies to be advanced for more detailed analysis
- Quantitative analysis begins after May 8th MSWG meeting.



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Questions/Comments?



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