



AIR AND CLIMATE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 17, 2017
5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

ACPAC MEMBERS (*VIA PHONE)

- Richard Ezike*
- Gretchen Goldman
- Robin Lewis
- Seth Heald
- Sarah Mazur
- Glenna Tinney
- Tamara Toles - O'Laughlin
- Gabriel Thoumi*
- Dan Moring
- John Howes

STAFF

- Amanda Campbell
- Stephen Walz

1. CALL TO ORDER, AGENDA, MEETING SUMMARY APPROVAL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Gretchen Goldman, ACPAC Chair

The meeting agenda was approved without changes. The meeting summary was approved without changes.

2. LOCAL MEASURES IN THE REGIONAL ACTION PLAN

Amanda Campbell, COG Staff

MWAQC's Regional Action Plan contains state and local measures to reduce air pollution in the region. Potential local actions span green power, green buildings, renewable energy, alternative fuel vehicles, and bicycle and pedestrian planning. COG also examined several of these measures in the Multi-Sector Working Group analysis, and they were incorporated into the Climate Action Plan.

2. LOCAL MEASURES INITIATIVE: ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES

Ira Dorfman, Greater Washington Clean Cities Coalition

Alleyn Harned, Virginia Clean Cities Coalition

The Greater Washington Clean Cities Coalition has an alternative fuel - such as propane- school bus campaign, to prevent school children's exposure to diesel exhaust. Other projects include implementing the VW settlement plan that involves implementing electric vehicle charging stations, an EV bulk purchase in the mid-Atlantic in conjunction with COG, and connecting DC Water's biogas

with the methane pipeline.

Similarly, the Virginia Clean Cities Coalition is working to promote the use of non-petroleum fuels such as hydrogen, ethanol, compressed natural gas, biodiesel, and electric vehicles. VCCC has some resources to support electric vehicles in local governments fleets.

Both coalitions are working to bring partners together to support alternative fueling station corridors and supporting public and private use of alternative fuel fleet vehicles.

3. LOCAL MEASURES: HON. RIEMER VISITS

Hans Riemer, Montgomery County Council and MWAQC Chair

Councilmember Riemer shared his priorities for air quality actions in the region – he would like to set a goal outside the federal air quality standards such as ‘all code green days’, and to focus on actions we can take together that local governments can rally around regardless of the state planning process.

Discussion

- Transportation, equity, and air quality are linked
- Green financing was suggested as a tool
- Think about using an equity lens when analyzing and implementing air quality measures
- Messaging should include health benefits
- Focus on the measures that bring the most benefits – such as a cost/benefit analysis

4. ACPAC MEMBER TIME

Sarah Mazur, ACPAC Member

Sarah Mazur shared her work and interests in the environmental field related to systems thinking, science and policy, and decisions that advance sustainability. Ms. Mazur has worked in the Sustainable and Healthy Communities Research Program at EPA, helping to develop decision support tools such as the EnviroAtlas. She has worked on air regulations and supporting the inter-agency science and technology council. She also serves on the Takoma Park Committee on the Environment.

5. UPDATES

- The Climate Leadership Awards launched on April 22.
- The final Climate and Energy Action Plan 2017-2020 was adopted at the March CEEPC meeting.

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