

Minnesota Climate Action Advisory Group  
Transportation and Land Use Technical Work Group

Summary of Meeting #5

8/16/07

Agenda:

Review summary of meeting #4

Review MCCAG balloting results and further instructions to the TWG

Discussion on process for developing policy options

Organize volunteers to develop policy options

Summary from meeting #4 approved.

The MCCAG approved all of the options recommended by the TWG for further analysis, and added the options to reduce speed limits and to reduce mobile source emissions.

The summary list of Draft Priority Policy Options for Analysis is the catalog of options going forward. The policy description and other information included in the first draft of policy options have been taken from the original catalog descriptions. These descriptions are a starting point, and do not have to be kept.

The goals for developing the policies are to have rough descriptions and a basic design (including goals, timing, the parties involved, and any other important details) prior to the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the TWG. The policies can then be discussed and potentially amended prior to presenting the drafts to the MCCAG.

The focus of the current work should be on the policy description and design, however, other details can be filled in. Only the policy description and design will be presented at the next MCCAG meeting.

Goals included in the policy design should translate into something quantitative. This could be top-down, as in “reduce VMT to 2000 levels by 2020 and to 1990 levels by 2030” or a bottom-up approach defining the coverage of a policy, with the impact calculated, such as “require the five largest metro areas in the state to take action X.”

Timing can be incorporated into the goals set.

Parties involved can be government (state, local, agencies), professional associations, environmental groups, or any group that may have interest.

Other details may include concerns about the policy, special issues related to enacting the policy, or any important consideration.

The policy design could be aggressive or conservative; the MCCAG will look at the preliminary design and impacts to see if the policies will achieve our goals. It is likely that it will take aggressive action to meet the goals set by the Governor.

Volunteers were taken for working on the options, and the list created at the meeting has been distributed. Members not present on the call may join the committees. A lead contact was established to coordinate meetings, phone calls, and preparation of the policy option.

CCS staff are available resources and can provide some research, although groups were recommended to look at the policy options completed by the other states and search for literature before approaching staff.

Brett Smith, Sierra Club and Bill Droessler, Minnesota Environmental Initiative spoke during public comments about the possibility of including public input in the policy design process. The group seemed to welcome any assistance, while also recognizing that it is a task for the TWG members.

The next meeting will be held in-person at the MPCA Board Room on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 12-2 pm.