Transportation and Land Use TWG Teleconference Meeting #9

February 24, 2009   10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Governor’s Climate Change Sub-Cabinet
Center for Climate Strategies
Today’s Agenda

• Roll call
• Review of February 5 MAG meeting
• Discuss quantification of policy options
• Discuss completion of policy option templates
• Public input and announcements
• Next meeting
Review of Feb 5 MAG Meeting

TLU-1 Transit, Ridesharing, and Commuter Choice Programs
• Unanimous MAG approval of straw proposal.
• One member voiced concern that goals may not be ambitious enough.
• Interest by MAG in knowing statistics on current transit ridership, mode share.

TLU-2 Heavy-Duty Vehicle Idling Regulations and/or Alternatives
• Unanimous MAG approval of straw proposal.
• Interest by the MAG in knowing how much adoption of idle reduction technology and policy would occur without government support (market driven) vs. how much gov’t can accomplish.

TLU-3 Transportation System Management
• Unanimous MAG approval of straw proposal.
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TLU-4  Promote Efficient Development Patterns (Smart Growth)
• MAG approval of straw proposal, with one objection.
• Some concern that goal of higher density may not be appropriate for Alaska.
• Note by MAG that in rural areas, much new development is led/influence by housing authorities.
• Encourage TWG to think about whether goal should be stated as 50% of new urban development, as opposed to 50% of all development.

TLU-5  Promotion of Alternative Fuel Vehicles
• Unanimous MAG approval of straw proposal.
• Note by MAG that examination of electric and PHEVs should consider potential to access hydro power and other clean sources of power.
• MAG request to move the component related to alternative fuels R&D to a new option, TLU-10.

TLU-6  VMT and GHG Reduction Goals in Planning
• Unanimous MAG approval of straw proposal.
• Suggestion by one MAG member that this be folded into either TLU-1 or TLU-4.
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TLU-7 On-Road Heavy-Duty Vehicle Efficiency Improvements
• MAG approval of straw proposal, with two objections.
• Some concern that market forces will drive this, and therefore no need for government involvement.
• Request by the MAG to estimate how much adoption of fuel efficiency improvements will occur without government support (market driven) vs. how much gov’t can accomplish.

TLU-8 Marine Vessel Efficiency Improvements
• MAG approval of straw proposal, with two objections.
• Similar to TLU-7, some concern that market forces will drive this, and therefore no need for government involvement.
• Similar to TLU-7, request by the MAG to estimate how much adoption of vessel efficiency improvements will occur without government support (market driven) vs. how much gov’t can accomplish.

TLU-9 Aviation Emission Reductions
• Unanimous MAG approval of straw proposal.
• MAG member noted interest in developing in-state sources of alternative aviation fuels, in part to help retain the US Air Force presence.
• MAG request to move the component related to alternative fuels R&D to a new option, TLU-10.
Quantification of Policy Options (see handout)

- TLU-1: Transit, Ridesharing, and Commuter Choice Programs
- TLU-2: Vehicle Idling Regulations and/or Alternatives
- TLU-3: Transportation System Management
- TLU-5: Promotion of Alternative Fuel Vehicles
- TLU-6: VMT and GHG Reduction Goals in Planning
- TLU-8: Marine Vessel Efficiency Improvements
Completion of policy option templates (see handout)
Public Input and Announcements
Next TWG Meeting

• Agenda
  – Review draft quantification of remaining options
  – Review other sections of template

• Date for Meeting #10:
  – Thursday March 19, 10 am – 12 pm