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DRAFT TELECONFERENCE MEETING SUMMARY
TLU Subcommittee
Call #5, February 29, 2008

Members Attending:

Participant	Organization
Bruce Anderson	Iowa Auto Dealers Assoc.
Scott Cirksena	MPO
Mayor Frank Cownie	Local Government
Senator Robert Hogg	State Senator
Neil Volmer	Iowa DOT
Stephanie Weisenbach	1000 Friends of Iowa

Iowa Department of Natural Resources: Marnie Stein

Center for Climate Strategies: Lewison Lem, Tiffany Batac, Bill Cowart, Jason Miles

Members of the Public: None

Agenda Item#1: Introductions and Review of Agenda.

Lewison Lem took roll call and introduced new members of the subcommittee. Goals for the meeting were to assign volunteers to help develop straw proposals for each of the policy options.

Agenda Item#2: Approval of Summary of Prior Call / Meeting [Decision Item]

Meeting minutes of Call #4 were reviewed and approved subject to the following changes:

Page 2, under TLU #1 discussion, take out “Iowa has been looking at...” and rephrase with “Per capita VMT programs, and regional targets for reducing VMT, are being considered in other states such as Oregon.”

Page 2, under TLU #3 discussions; add impacts on VMT in addition to GHG.

Agenda Item#3: Review and Discussion of the February 8, 2008 ICCAC Meeting #3

Lewison Lem reviewed the results of the ICCAC Meeting #3 and additions. The ICCAC asked the Subcommittee to look into a fuel option from AFW (AFW-7) which included liquid fuel taxes.

Tiffany Batac updated the TLU SC on three additions to the bundled options presented based upon ICCAC voting results. The three additions are to TLU-2: Include incentives for plug-in hybrids, TLU-4: Include plug-in hybrid busses, and TLU-8: Include a liquid fuel tax.

Stephanie: Would like to have more information provided on AFW-7 and suggested we put “for discussion” next to the liquid fuel tax. Also, requested that the catalog description be changed to reflect the TLU SC’s decision to not include the specific names of the cities on the passenger rail service. This was agreed to by the group.

Agenda Item#4: Review and Discuss Priorities for Analysis

Lewison reviewed where the subcommittee is in the process. The goal is to develop straw proposal for the policy description & policy design sections of the template to present at the next full council meeting. The subcommittee will also start looking at the draft inventory and forecast. The inventory is in the process of being developed and Marnie is expecting to receive a draft of the inventory today.

In developing the policies, the group is first looking at concept before quantification. Under the policy design section, timing refers to years or how fast implementation will move, goals are the benchmark goals, and parties involved are the stakeholder agencies or groups that would be involved in these policies. Once these straw proposals are developed and approved by the ICCAC, a quantitative analysis will be conducted.

Tiffany reviewed the policy template and what the goal is to accomplish by the next meeting. Prior to the 6th call, the subcommittee members will help develop the first two sections of the template – the policy description and design (Goals, Timing, and Parties Involved). At the 6th meeting, members will have a chance to review and discuss the draft proposals prior to the April 11th ICCAC meeting. Once the straw proposals are reviewed and approved at the next full council meeting, the subcommittee will move forward in developing the remainder of the template, including implementation mechanisms, additional benefits, feasibility issues, related policies in place, etc. Tiffany then walked through a sample policy template for a Fuel Efficient Replacement Tire Program.

Lewison clarified policy description expectations, (about ½ page) on each of the ten bundled options. Asked for volunteers to draft description and design sections with assistance from CCS as needed. It was clarified that the group would develop drafts prior to next call and can circulate via email. Some of the descriptions, e.g. smart growth bundle, may often be longer because of all the options they include. The bundles may also include more specifics to address items included in the bundle.

Agenda Item#5: Next Steps for Development of Straw Proposal Options – Volunteers to Develop Priority Policy Options

TLU-1 Smart Growth Bundle – Stephanie Weisenbach, Neil Volmer / Stuart Anderson (DOT), Mayor Frank Cownie

- Stephanie will take the lead on this examining what other states have done and will provide what she has found to the group.
- Frank Cownie offered to sit down with Stephanie to discuss ideas.

TLU-2 Light Duty Vehicle Fuel Efficiency Incentives – Bruce Anderson, Senator Hogg

TLU-3 Greenhouse Gas Impacts of State / Local Capital Funding – Stephanie Weisenbach, Neil Volmer / Stuart Anderson (DOT), Frank Cownie, Bob Miklo

- Senator Hogg suggested adding Jeff from “Green Streets” to this TLU option
- Another member suggested adding someone either from DNR or the Department of Economic Development – Tom Guzmanos?

TLU-4 Expand Transit Infrastructure – Stephanie Weisenbach, Neil Volmer / Stuart Anderson (DOT), Mayor Frank Cownie

TLU-5 Support Passenger Rail Service in Iowa – Stephanie Weisenbach, Scott Cirksena, Neil Volmer (DOT - Tammy Nicholson), and Kevin Brubaker

TLU-6 Adopt Best Workplaces for Commuters in Iowa – Neil Volmer (DOT) will take the lead in gathering business involvement

- Senator Hogg: We may not have the right groups at the table for working with TLU-6. Would like to include large employers involved with this one. Neil Volmer volunteered to contact these groups.

TLU-7 Operations of Light Duty Vehicles – Bruce Anderson, Senator Hogg

TLU-8 Fuel Strategies – Marnie will take the lead in contacting people for the development of this option.

- Senator Hogg: Suggested including Monte Shaw & Julie Viscosel, biofuels specialist, and also checking with the department of agriculture utilizing their knowledge of biofuels.
- It was also suggested that a representative from the Renewable Fuels Association and Energy Center also be included.
- Marnie: Agreed to call around for people who should be included in this TLU priority.

TLU-9 Freight Strategies – Scott Cirksena, Neil Volmer (DOT – Tammy Nicholson)

TLU-10 New Vehicle Standards - Bruce Anderson, Senator Hogg

Lewison: In developing policy option descriptions, consider both what is both doable and achievable and what will reduce GHGs. Lewison will also gather and disseminate to volunteers

via email materials from what other states have done to provide some guidance on what the TLU SC should be providing.

Stephanie suggested viewing the CCS website to review what other states have done. Looking at the Government Executive Order to reduce VMT, suggested including the Office of Energy Independence.

Marnie will check with Office of Energy Independence about including them on some of the TLU bundled options and will also follow up with Jeff Barnes who is currently on the Agricultural SC.

Scott asked if there was a specific format to follow for submitting the policy drafts. Mayor Frank Cownie suggested using a form that follows the template provided for this meeting. Tiffany will send out a word document template, along with minutes & listing of volunteers.

Agenda Item#6: Agenda, Date and Time for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the TLU SC is scheduled for Friday March 14th 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. CST. Draft language for the policy description and design section will be discussed and revised as appropriate prior to presenting to the ICCAC.

Agenda Item#7: Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item#8: Announcements

There were no additional announcements.