

Transportation & Land Use Meeting #3
November 13, 2006, 1:00-2:30 PM

Attendance

- **TWG Members**

Gina Campoli
Chuck Gallagher
Eleni Churchill
Scott Johnstone
David Lewis
Aaron Frank (sitting in for Chris)
Elizabeth Courtney

- **VT DEC Staff**

Jeff Merrell

- **CCS Staff**

Will Schroeer
Wendy Messenger

- **Public**

None

Introductions

- Will Schroeer conducted roll call.
- Will Schroeer reviewed the agenda and purpose of the call.

Review of draft Minutes from 11.03.06 meeting

- No comments were provided. Will Schroeer will accept comments on the notes until 12.15.06.

Review Plenary Group Meeting #2

- Jeff Merrell provided a summary regarding the Plenary Group Meeting. Activities included viewing processes going on in other states and their benchmarks for processes, as well as reviewing goals from the Governor's executive order. The Group also looked at 10 step process, with a focus on prioritizing policy options within the catalogue and reviewed the GHG emission inventory and forecasts.
- The TLU working group raised questions about the finalization of a revised list of catalogue policies. These are being updated, and Will Schroeer will ensure the most up to date version will be distributed.

Status of Ten Step Work Plan

- The TLU is currently at Step 3 of the Ten Step Work Plan: “Identify initial priorities for evaluation.”
- Next step is to proceed on balloting process to identify ranking of preferred options from analysis of policy options from final catalogue. Priorities can be bundled into groups, if they are synergistic, not just related.
- Each member will identify top ten priorities, and results will subsequently be grouped by Will Schroeer into 3 groups – approximately 10 top priorities for analysis, a group of 10 medium priorities, and the rest will be low priority. Medium priorities will be analyzed based on time and budgeting permitting.
- Will Schroeer will be transparent in the decision-making process, particularly in light of the group’s bundling of priorities.

Review and discussion of the Catalog of State Actions

- Concern was raised by the TLU regarding precisely what the list of policy options means and what exactly are the group is voting on, whether the vote is regarding analysis of the ideas as they are implemented in other states or how they would be implemented specifically in VT.
- Will Schroeer explained that the process is intended to take temperature on ideas that ought to move forward in policy development policy, and as the process moves forward, there will be opportunity to iterate back on ideas of policy as they are developed. However, to start, gross assumptions will be made on policy impacts.
- The working group raised that the issue is in defining where assumptions are being made, to ensure they are realistic for VT, and asked what tools and methodologies will be used.
- Will Schroeer explained that the TLU working group will have a role in providing information and ideas to ensure realistic assumptions, but much information will be pulled from literature, case studies and previous experience. Examples were provided.
- Eleni Churchill offered that VTrans can provide a statewide model for VMT reduction
- In response to a request from Jeff Merrell, Will Schroeer offered that NM & AZ working group websites are similar to the VT process, and can provide insight into the process, thought hopefully the VT process will be more detailed.

Next Steps for VT TLU Working Group

- Since there is no TLU meeting before the next Plenary Group on 1.11.07, the group will discuss the ranking of priorities via email.
- Concern was raised by participation levels within the working group, as well as inclusion of land use planners. Will Schroeer will call members that were not involved in the call, to ensure their participation. Jeff Merrell will talk to the Commissioner and work on including land use planners, including the suggested consideration of a town or city planner who might be able to provide greater perspective on the interactions of land use and transportation in VT

- Will Schroerer will send out the final policy catalogue by the end of the week, 12.15.06
- The TLU working group will submit ballots of priorities to Will Schroerer and Wendy Messenger by 1.02.07, but earlier if possible
- Will Schroerer will send out results of rankings and bundles on 1.04.07 for final comment from the working group
- The final results of the TLU working group will be submitted to the Plenary Group on 1.11.07
- Will Schroerer will send out forward call dates shortly, after coordination with the other CSS working groups

Public Input

- None