



**Transportation & Land Use Technical Work Group
Meeting Summary, Call #4
January 4, 2007, 11:00AM-1:00 PM**

Attendance

• TWG Members

Gina Campoli
Eleni Churchill
Chuck Gallagher
Colin High
David Hill
Chris Killian
David Lewis
Charlie Marks
James Moore

• VT DEC Staff

Jeff Merrell

• CCS Staff

Will Schroeer
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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 meeting #3

- No comments were provided. Will Schroeer will accept comments on the notes via email.

Review and discussion of balloting on the Catalog of State Actions

- Will Schroeer provided a brief recap of voting procedure and results. Each TLU TWG member was asked to vote for their top ten priority items or bundles, and results were displayed in table by ranking of votes received.
- Will Schroeer suggested bundles should be formed where the policies are complementary, and where bundling helps or at least does not hinder the ability to analyze potential benefits and costs.
- Given time and budget constraints, it is unlikely that mid-priorities will be analyzed.
- The TLU TWG discussed bundling options, and modifications were made to the grouping of catalog items, which will be presented to the Plenary Group for finalization.
 - Discussion of grouping proposed bundles of 2,4,5, and 9 into one large bundle. One advantage is that this is the way programs are classified at VTrans.
 - Discussion of adding bike and pedestrian to TOD. Decision was made not to repeat, for clarity.
 - Suggestion made that the group needs to convey, where appropriate, that policy recommendations cannot be done half-way, and when there are implications of diminishing returns.
 - Discussion regarding the energy tax credit policy, and whether there should be a broader discussion of funding mechanisms. Decision made to leave it in for Plenary Group to decide. Will Schroeer will mention the idea of a funding mechanism tying into bundles, perhaps presented as a separate section of recommendations, at Plenary meeting.
 - Discussion of ethanol in relation to bundle 7. TWG should stay aware of New England Governors' policy, which will consider this topic at the Feb. meeting.
 - Recommendation to move 4.2 into large bundle 2 .
 - Additional bundle addressing regional transportation – both commuter and freight (truck and rail) – was suggested
- Discussed next steps: methodology for analysis of policy options will be pulled from the literature and previous analysis, but will also result from future TWG discussions.

Next Steps for VT TLU Working Group

- The results of the TLU working group priorities will be submitted to the Plenary Group on 1.11.07
- Future TLW TWG meetings:
 - February 6, 2007 from 3:00-4:30 PM
 - February 27, 2007 from 3:00-4:30 PM

Public Input

- None