



**Transportation & Land Use Meeting #10**  
**June 26, 2007**  
**3:00 – 4:30 pm**

**Attendance**

**TWG Members:** Gina Campoli, Colin High, Polly McMurtry, Scott Johnstone

**VT DEC:** Jeff Merrell

**CCS:** Will Schroeer, Wendy Messenger

**Public / Friends:** Charles Mark, T.J. Poor

**Meeting documents**

- Meeting documents are available at [http://www.vtclimatechange.us/Transportation\\_Land\\_Use.cfm](http://www.vtclimatechange.us/Transportation_Land_Use.cfm)
  - Meeting Notice and Agenda
  - CCS, Powerpoint Presentation to TLU TWG
  - CCS, Catalog of State GHG Reduction Policy Options
  - Summary of call #8

**Introductions**

- CCS reviewed agenda and purpose of the meeting

**Review of Plenary Meeting**

- Formal minutes will be put together, but the formal minutes are represented in the document presented to the plenary group
- Options 5-9 were sent forward, which means they anticipate approving a cleaned up version
- The Plenary Group requested that options 1-4 be revisited by the TWG

**Review and discussion of Policy Options**

- Main discussion will be over TLU 1-4
- Option 4 – a philosophical objection to feebates was expressed
- The TWG should focus on revising Options 1, 2 and 3
- Recognition that this was going to be very hard – re-write of language and then reach final judgment on stepping back or passing it forward
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#### TLU 9

- Question was asked by a TWG member regarding where the energy tax credit comes in, relating to TLU 9. The credit is necessary to raise money to pay for incentives, and while the TWG can make suggestions, ultimately legislation and governor will make the decision.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Add energy tax credit (program in Oregon) to example programs list. Make clear that funding will go alternative modes (so not thought of for highway or expansion programs) into the first bullet (under policy design)

#### TLU 1

- Discussion during TWG meeting, but approach revisions with small working group
- Implementation mechanisms are the only things that questions were raised about – 2, 3, 5 and 9
- Try explaining the programs more, and also toning down the language slightly
- Act 250 changes – more broadly discuss that we must consider climate change impacts in decision-making
- Broadening the language will actually make the quantification of numbers more credible
- Point to the direction, and point to mechanism to reach that, but perhaps other group determines actual implementation
- Members in agreement
- **ACTION ITEM:** Gina Campoli will revise TLU-1, but since she wasn't at plenary, so will share with TWG to confirm

#### TLU 2

- TLU 2 should be done similarly to TLU 1, looking at implementation mechanisms.
- Not a lot of direction from Plenary, might have just needed some time to think through it
- Could add more routes
- **ACTION ITEM:** Gina Campoli will work on the revisions, and also talk to Chuck Gallagher.

Reminder that the TWG is not only presenting options that are free. It is also about incorporating the baseline of net savings if you look at the baseline of doing nothing

A TWG member suggested that the group consider the Stern analysis, finds that absent action, climate change will cost roughly 25% of world GDP. It was suggested that this might be appropriate for the cross-cutting TWG group, but not TLU's responsibility. However, it could be incorporated in the analysis, perhaps opening in the introduction section of costs with the broader topic. Could suggest keeping that cost number in mind, even though not directly included in the figures.

#### TLU 3

- The 35 mpg standard at federal level
- The Plenary group was not ready to vote for it – decision about recommending this kind of money, but it was just a brief discussion at Plenary group.
- **ACTION ITEM:** VTrans will verify numbers.

#### TLU 4

- Concern that the state cannot require insurance companies to do this
- Could be an opportunity for companies to make more money and consumers save money
- Not much for TWG to do to revise, because did not receive any instructions from Plenary group. Just philosophical objection, could develop material about why insurance companies might like this option. If it's easy to do, let's do it, but would allow us to be responsive and might provide information to other members.
- **ACTION ITEM:** ICF will propose language.

**Public Input**

- None

**Next Steps for VT TLU TWG**

- TWG members will revise Policy Options
- Future TLU TWG meetings:
  - July 10, 2007; 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm