

Transportation & Land Use Meeting #7
September 8, 2006, 10:00-12:00 PM

Attendance:

- **TWG Members:**
Denise Choy
Anne Coan
Len Hoey
Marily Nixon
Lisa Riegel
Roger Sheats
Anne Tazewell
Skip Yeakel
- **NCDAQ Staff:**
Phyllis D. Jones
- **CCS Staff:**
Will Schroeer
- **Public Members:**
None

“Housekeeping” Items:

- Phyllis Jones conducted Roll Call.
- Some of the members had problems receiving the large attachments for today’s call. It was suggested that Will Schroeer use the www.YouSendIt.com website to transmit large attachments.

Determination of Champions for Priority for Analysis Options:

- The TWG reviewed the champions for the options and the progress of their straw proposals.
- Smart Growth Bundle:
 - Lisa Riegel gave an update on the Smart Growth Bundle. She added the bundle might have to be broken down due to the overwhelming options involved.
 - Lisa Riegel and Roger Sheats met with NC DOT personnel to discuss their Comprehensive Transportation Planning (CPT) program, which is designed to encourage smart growth. Currently, the program is at the grass roots level. CPT is doing a pilot program in Brunswick County.
 - Thus far Lisa Riegel and Roger Sheats have developed a straw proposal with respect to rural and urban smart growth.

- Anne Coan mentioned rural areas do not prefer mandated plans and smart growth is a tough sale in rural areas in NC. The focus may be more beneficial in urban areas.
- Marily Nixon asked whether cost is being considered and suggested sharing cost data with the locals to present a broader picture of the potential benefits of smart growth.
- Will Schroer suggested the leads take the initiative to contact other group members to get feedback on their proposals and possibly schedule conference calls for discussion.
- Improve Transit Bundle:
 - Will Schroer expressed the need for someone to lead the Improve Transit Bundle.
 - Lisa Riegel suggested Roger Sheats, who agreed to assume the role as the lead.
 - Lisa Riegel stated NC DOT has ongoing work in this area but lacks funding. NC DOT also suggested site planning as a policy option.
 - Roger Sheats said the challenge is the different dynamics across the State with varied urban areas, i.e., a “one size fits all” approach is not feasible and each urban area should be evaluated individually.
 - No straw proposal developed.
- Feebates:
 - Denise Choy asked about the next steps after the development of the straw proposals and how should the group handle the possibility of developing more than one proposal.
 - Will Schroer suggested two options:
 - Develop several proposals and let the CAPAG decide **or**
 - T/LU will internally make the decision and present only one proposal per option to the CAPAG.
 - Will Schroer suggested presenting at least one well developed proposal per option to the CAPAG at the October meeting and present more proposals if time allows. The members working on policy options should decide on one proposal – the strongest – and present that to the CAPAG.
 - Roger Sheats asked about the fail-safe mechanism, Plan B, if the first proposal isn’t successful or reaches an impasse. If the group moves forward with only one proposal per option, would the TWGs have to start over with another proposal? Roger also suggested diversifying the proposals for the options to promote movement.
 - Lisa Riegel and Anne Tazewell agreed with Roger Sheats, the best route is to provide more than one proposal per option if time allows.
 - Straw proposal has been developed.

- Truck Stop Electrification:
 - Skip Yeakel said Federal funding might be available in NC.
 - Anne Tazewell replied the State has funding mechanisms as well and there are 24 counties available for funding.
 - No straw proposal developed.
- Tailpipe GHG Standards:
 - Straw proposal developed.
- Biofuels Bundle:
 - Anne Tazewell said there are two possible proposals for biofuels, either revenue neutral or a flat rate, which would stimulate alternate fuels in NC.
 - Straw proposal developed.
- Procurement of Efficient Fleet:
 - Currently there is no lead assigned to this option.
 - Anne Tazewell mentioned there are efforts already ongoing with current legislation, specifically the displacement of petroleum by State vehicles.
 - Len Hoey added the SEO is implementing an initiative to buy State vehicles that offer better fuel efficiencies but the legislation is not applicable to private vehicles.
 - Anne Tazewell volunteered to take the lead in drafting a straw proposal.
- Anti-Idling:
 - Skip Yeakel stated anti-idling should be a joint effort with TSE. He also suggested focusing on school buses but added he is not an expert in this area but is willing to contact some of the school bus manufacturers in the Triad area.
 - Anne Tazewell added Advanced Energy is working with NC for plug-in hybrids of school buses.
 - **Action Item:** Phyllis Jones will check with Vicki Chandler of NC DAQ on any ongoing initiatives for anti-idling of school buses.
 - No straw proposal developed.
- Diesel Retrofits:
 - Skip Yeakel stated he could not lead this effort because it is a conflict of interest.
 - Lisa Riegel suggested Skip write-up a proposal of the high costs associated with retrofits and present it to the TWG.
 - Skip added a more effective use of Federal funds is to purchase new trucks instead of retrofits.
 - **Action Item:** Phyllis Jones will ask Vicki Chandler of NC DAQ about any ongoing efforts regarding diesel retrofits.
 - No straw proposal developed.
- Gas Tax:
 - Skip Yeakel suggested changing title from gas tax to fuel tax.
 - Anne Tazewell suggested a joint effort of this initiative with Lisa Riegel and Roger Sheats.
 - Straw proposal developed.
- Pay as You Drive Insurance:
 - Straw proposal developed.

- Incentives for Advanced Technology Vehicles:
 - Straw proposal developed.

Public Input:

- None

Next Meeting:

- TBD; will be voted on.