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**TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE TWG CALL #6
MARCH 30, 2006, 8:00 – 9:30 AM**

Attendance:

1. TWG members:
 - Charles Bensinger, Sunbelt Biofuels
 - Neal Butt, Albuquerque Environmental Health Program
 - Bob Czerniak, New Mexico State University (for Mike Martin)
 - Gregory Green, National Environmental Trust
 - Cynthia Hall
 - Ken Hughes, Department of Finance Administration
 - JW Madison, New Mexico Rails
 - Gary McFarland
 - Kent Salazar, National Wildlife Federation
 - Eva Thaddeus, Sierra Club
 - De Anza Valencia, Surface Transportation Policy Project
2. CCS staff: Karl Hausker, Maureen Mullen, Will Schroeer

Background documents:

(unless noted, all posted at http://www.nmclimatechange.us/documents.cfm#Docs_TLU)

1. Meeting Notice and Agenda
2. Powerpoint Presentation for Call #6
3. Draft Summary of TLU TWG Call #5
4. Draft Policy Options

Discussion items and key issues:

1. The draft summary of the TLU TWG Call #5 was approved.
2. Karl summarized the guidance to the TLU TWG from the January 11 CCAG meeting. All proposed TLU TWG policy options were approved by the CCAG for further analysis.

3. Maureen presented the recommendations of the Freight/Off-road Subgroup. This subgroup was asked to review the policy options listed in the Freight and Aviation/Off-Road categories on the TLU TWG policy matrix and recommend any measures that the group should consider as high priority options. The recommendations included adding the following options as high priority options: (1) diesel retrofit controls/retirement program; (2) truck stop electrification/anti-idling technologies; and (3) intermodal freight initiatives. The TWG approved the ranking of these options as high priority. A member asked that older diesels converted to biodiesel could be considered in place of retirement. The group also agreed that coordinating these options with similar options being recommended in Arizona should be considered and that future opportunities to coordinate with other neighboring states, including Texas, should also be considered.
4. For TLU #6, Transit-Oriented Development, discussion on the smart growth volunteer group calls established that a good base case is now in place as a result of the governor's Our Communities, Our Future task force. Karl proposed that TLU TWG recommendation for this policy option focus on supporting and continuing the current grant program established by the governor's task force for transit-oriented development. The group agreed with this recommendation.
5. For TLU #1, California GHG Standards, a group member expressed concerns about whether we would be following CARB's assumptions directly on emission reductions. CARB and EPA differ significantly on toxics reductions from the CA standards. Karl indicated that CCS will reference a number of resources including the PIRG report, Concerned Scientists, CARB, and AAM in documenting the benefits and costs of the CA standards. The group then discussed including a recommendation that the European Standards be considered and their impacts compared side-by-side with the CA standards. The group also discussed issues associated with enforcement of the CA standards.
6. The group discussed the alternative fuels policy design. The policy design includes goals for ethanol and biodiesel fuels, as well as for near-zero emission vehicles. A number of implementation mechanisms were also discussed. This policy needs to be made clearer as to what portions are mandates vs. voluntary controls.
7. The group discussed the smart growth policy design. The meaning of form-based codes was explained. Will Schroer explained how rate structures for water based on distance and elevations were being used in other cities, such as Cleveland. A concern was raised about the gentrification of inner cities and displacement of low income populations with the smart growth policy. By ending the requirements for fixed uses and minimum lot sizes, the market can follow with affordable housing. Another alternative is to require affordable housing in new developments. Some areas in New Mexico currently require 30 percent affordable housing.

8. A change in licensing requirements for architects and builders was discussed, such as having builders/contractors be certified in “green” building. Incentives or an executive order could be used to achieve this. The group also discussed requiring all new buildings/schools that are built or funded by the state meet green building standards. Karl indicated that this could overlap with measures the RCI TWG is looking at. CCS will look into the potential overlap issue.

Next steps and agreements:

1. CCS will post meeting summary shortly after call.
2. CCS and volunteers will continue to refine the policy options.
3. Next TWG call: April 25, 3:00 to 5:00.
4. Next CCAG Meeting: April 26.