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TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE TWG CALL #7
APRIL 25, 2006, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Attendance:

1. TWG members:
Charles Bensinger, Sunbelt Biofuels
Neal Butt, Albuquerque Environmental Health Program
Richard (Skip) Dunn, Los Alamos Sustainability Group
Patricia Hoffman, New Mexico State University
Ken Hughes, Department of Finance Administration
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>)

1. Meeting Notice and Agenda
2. Powerpoint Presentation for Call #7
3. Draft Summary of TLU TWG Call #6
4. Draft Policy Options
5. Policy Template
6. Contributing Issues Matrix
7. Standard Methods for Quantification of Draft GHG Mitigation Policy Options
8. Draft Policy Options for Consideration (all TWGs)

Discussion items and key issues:

1. The draft summary of the TLU TWG Call #6 was approved.
2. The group was asked to categorize each of the draft policy options according to the following categories:

- Category 1: Quantify based on TWG straw proposals.
- Category 2: Develop qualitative materials for options not to be quantified.
- Category 3: Quantify based on CCS straw proposal where TWG straw proposal is lacking.
- Category 4: Continue TWG development of straw proposal and then proceed to quantification.

Each policy option was then discussed individually for comments, suggestions, and determination of the quantification option. The categorization and key discussion issues for each option are listed below. More details on the outcome of the discussion can be found in the revised policy option write-ups.

TLU-1: California GHG Emission Standards—Category 1, no comments.

TLU-2: Procurement of Efficient Fleet Vehicles—Category 4, Colin Messer should have information available on this.

TLU-3: Incentive/Disincentive Options Bundle—Category 4, needs information from NM taxation department. Mary Uhl will try to find the right person. A registration fee would be more a symbolic act than one that would cause change. This option deserves some serious attention. The group discussed state-level versus national feebates. The group opted to pursue statewide action on this, while also pushing for national action. Issues related to excise taxes were also discussed. Eva will work on feebates; Richard will work on labeling and registration fees; Charles will work on excise tax. The issue of pay-as-you-drive insurance was also brought up. Will discussed current programs in place for this. This will be added as a fifth component to this option.

TLU-4: Alternative Fuels Bundle—Category 1, use versus production issues were discussed. State mandates will be needed to reach the goals listed. Also a tougher State fleet mandate is needed.

TLU-5: Infill, Brownfield Re-development—Category 2, look for Ken's previous proposal on this.

TLU-6: Transit-Oriented Development—Category 1, might need to look at TLU-6 and TLU-7 in combination for quantification. Ccap.org has some quantification of this option. Also, the local COG has information on the new rail runner and should have real data by June or July. Ken will look into getting this information.

TLU-7: Smart Growth Planning, Modeling, Tools—Category 1, this option is quantifiable and could give huge GHG savings. Be sure to include bicycles in this option.

TLU-8: Targeted Open Space and Croplands Protection—Category 2, how much impact can this have on reducing sprawl? Can Bob Czerniak provide information on this?

TLU-9: GHG Offset Requirements for Large Developments—Category 2.

TLU-10: Multimodal Transportation Bundle—Category 4, need to include a State transit fund under the funding mechanisms.

TLU-11: Truck Stop Electrification/Anti-Idling—Category 4, require truck stops to purchase renewable energy certificates. Include use of solar panels at truck stops. Look at work being done by Blue Sky. Use alternative renewable power generation for truck stop electrification.

TLU-12: Diesel Retrofits—Category 4.

TLU-13: Intermodal Freight Initiatives—Category 4, important to include a component for electrifying rail. Will has some information he can provide on this.

The group also discussed memos provided on the contributing issues matrix and the economic analysis methods. These are to be discussed in greater detail at the CCAG meeting.

Next steps and agreements:

1. CCS and volunteers will continue to refine the policy options.
2. Next TWG call: TBD
3. Next CCAG Meeting: April 26.