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Alaska Climate Change Strategy

Transportation and Land Use TWG Teleconference Meeting #9

February 24, 2009 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Governor's Climate Change Sub-Cabinet
Center for Climate Strategies

Today's Agenda

- Roll call
- Review of February 5 MAG meeting
- Discuss quantification of policy options
- Discuss completion of policy option templates
- Public input and announcements
- Next meeting

Review of Feb 5 MAG Meeting

TLU-1 Transit, Ridesharing, and Commuter Choice Programs

- Unanimous MAG approval of straw proposal.
- One member voiced concern that goals may not be ambitious enough.
- Interest by MAG in knowing statistics on current transit ridership, mode share.

TLU-2 Heavy-Duty Vehicle Idling Regulations and/or Alternatives

- Unanimous MAG approval of straw proposal.
- Interest by the MAG in knowing how much adoption of idle reduction technology and policy would occur without government support (market driven) vs. how much gov't can accomplish.

TLU-3 Transportation System Management

- Unanimous MAG approval of straw proposal.

Review of Feb 5 MAG Meeting

TLU-4 Promote Efficient Development Patterns (Smart Growth)

- MAG approval of straw proposal, with one objection.
- Some concern that goal of higher density may not be appropriate for Alaska.
- Note by MAG that in rural areas, much new development is led/influenced by housing authorities.
- Encourage TWG to think about whether goal should be stated as 50% of new urban development, as opposed to 50% of all development.

TLU-5 Promotion of Alternative Fuel Vehicles

- Unanimous MAG approval of straw proposal.
- Note by MAG that examination of electric and PHEVs should consider potential to access hydro power and other clean sources of power.
- MAG request to move the component related to alternative fuels R&D to a new option, TLU-10.

TLU-6 VMT and GHG Reduction Goals in Planning

- Unanimous MAG approval of straw proposal.
- Suggestion by one MAG member that this be folded into either TLU-1 or TLU-4.

Review of Feb 5 MAG Meeting

TLU-7 On-Road Heavy-Duty Vehicle Efficiency Improvements

- MAG approval of straw proposal, with two objections.
- Some concern that market forces will drive this, and therefore no need for government involvement.
- Request by the MAG to estimate how much adoption of fuel efficiency improvements will occur without government support (market driven) vs. how much gov't can accomplish.

TLU-8 Marine Vessel Efficiency Improvements

- MAG approval of straw proposal, with two objections.
- Similar to TLU-7, some concern that market forces will drive this, and therefore no need for government involvement.
- Similar to TLU-7, request by the MAG to estimate how much adoption of vessel efficiency improvements will occur without government support (market driven) vs. how much gov't can accomplish.

TLU-9 Aviation Emission Reductions

- Unanimous MAG approval of straw proposal.
- MAG member noted interest in developing in-state sources of alternative aviation fuels, in part to help retain the US Air Force presence.
- MAG request to move the component related to alternative fuels R&D to a new option, TLU-10.

Quantification of Policy Options (see handout)

- TLU-1: Transit, Ridesharing, and Commuter Choice Programs
- TLU-2: Vehicle Idling Regulations and/or Alternatives
- TLU-3: Transportation System Management
- TLU-5: Promotion of Alternative Fuel Vehicles
- TLU-6: VMT and GHG Reduction Goals in Planning
- TLU-8: Marine Vessel Efficiency Improvements

Completion of policy option templates (see handout)

Public Input and Announcements

Next TWG Meeting

- Agenda
 - Review draft quantification of remaining options
 - Review other sections of template
- Date for Meeting #10:
 - Thursday March 19, 10 am – 12 pm

